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Winter Scene

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RETIREMENT

By

William Cowper

(Born 1731. Died 1800)

★ William Cowper was born, 26th November, 1731, at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, of which place his father was the rector. He was educated at a private school, and afterwards at Westminster. At the age of eighteen he was articled to an attorney, but disliked the profession. Some influential friends obtained for him the offices of Reading Clerk and Clerk of the Committees of the House of Lords. But as these appointments required him to appear in the House, he resigned them. He was then appointed Clerk of the Journals, but as it was necessary that he should appear at the bar of the House, it had such an effect on his nerves that he was obliged

to resign the office, and for some time was under the care of Dr. Cotton at St. Albans. He was afterwards an inmate in the family of a clergyman of the name of Unwin, at Huntingdon, and after that gentleman's death Cowper boarded with his widow. They removed to Olney, in Buckinghamshire, where he wrote sixty-eight of the "Olney Hymns." The Olney Collection, written by Rev. John Newton and Cowper, was published in 1779, and it was after that period that Cowper wrote the series of poems which have made his name immortal. In 1795 a royal pension of £300 per annum was granted him. He died at Dereham, in Norfolk, April 1800.

Far from the world, O lord! I flee,
From strife and tumult far;
From scenes where Satan wages still
His most successful war.

The calm retreat, the silent shade,
With prayer and praise agree;
And seem, by Thy sweet bounty, made
For those who follow Thee.

There if Thy Spirit touch the soul,
And grace her mean abode,
Oh, with what peace, and joy, and love,
She communes with her God!

There, like the nightingale, she pours
Her solitary lays,
Nor asks a witness of her song,
Nor thirsts for human praise.

Author and Guardian of my life,
Sweet Source of light divine,
And (all harmonious names in one)
My Saviour, Thou art mine!

What thanks I owe Thee, and what love!
A boundless, endless store,
Shall echo through the realms above
When time shall be no more.

EDITORIAL ROUND UP

TWO NEW STAKES

★ The new Texas North Stake in Lubbock, Texas and the Hamilton South Stake in New Zealand have been organized. The new Texas North Stake, is presided over by Pres. Franklin Spencer Gonzalez, formerly district president in the Texas Mission.

Growth of the Church in New Zealand is evidenced by the new Hamilton South Stake created through a division of the Hamilton Stake. President of the new stake is Pres. Harry S. Peckham, formerly president of Hamilton Stake. New president of the Hamilton Stake is Pres. Douglas James Martin, formerly first counselor in the Hamilton Stake presidency.

★ "The oldest continuous programme in American radio" the Tabernacle Choir's programme presented its 2,000th nationwide broadcast over the CBS Radio Network on Sunday, Dec. 9.

This represents 39 years and six months of programmes which now reach upwards of 10 million listeners weekly.

Its production director, announcer and author of "The Spoken Word" is Elder Richard L. Evans, of the Council of the Twelve. Director of the Choir is Richard P. Condie.

The first broadcast was conducted by Anthon C. Lund with Tracy Y. Cannon and Edward P. Kimball as the Tabernacle organists.

Present Tabernacle organists are Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Roy M. Darley and Robert Cundick.

Coming In March Issue

★ Beginning with the March issue of the Millennial Star the Magazine will take on a new programme to be of more value and help to its thousands of readers in the British Isles.

A section of the magazine will be devoted each month, to a particular theme, with many helpful ideas, suggestions, and topic materials treating this assigned theme.

For instance, the March issue will be themed to Home Evening. Some of your brothers and sisters in the Church right here in the British Isles will be telling you what has made their Home Evening a success. Young men and young women will tell their thoughts on this important programme of the Church. There will be games and recipes for refreshments suggested for your future home evening enjoyment.

The theme selected for April is that of Easter and what the resurrection means to us.

The May issue will be themed to Spring, the month of opportunity—the newness of life ahead.

Be sure to read these and all of the other spiritual and informative articles being prepared to help YOU grow in the Church and to obtain an increased testimony of the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Church Given Papyri by New York Museum

MANUSCRIPTS ONCE OWNED
BY PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

★ Of significant interest to all Latter-day Saints is the story contained in the Dec. 2 issue of the Church News, Salt Lake City, relative to the Church recently receiving a collection of some papyrus manuscripts, once owned by the Prophet Joseph Smith. This is part of the collection believed burned in the great Chicago fire of 1871.

In recent ceremonies in the Egyptian section of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, the collection was presented to President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency.

The collection includes a papyrus manuscript identified as the original document from which the Prophet Joseph Smith drew what is known as

Facsimile No. 1 in the Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price.

The collection (11 pieces) also includes a letter signed by Emma Smith Bidamon, widow of the Prophet, and Joseph Smith, son of the Prophet and Emma, all turned over to the Church by Dr. Thomas P. F. Hoving, museum director.

The collection will be sent to Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, for careful study and evaluation, said President Tanner. He noted the facsimile original and the letter, which was dated May 26, 1856, was of high interest to Church authorities.

The letter noted the sale of four Egyptian mummies and papyrus to a

Special Report



President N. Eldon Tanner, left, inspects papyri gift with Dr. Henry G. Fischer, Dr. Thomas P. F. Hoving, Dr. Joseph Noble and Dr. Aziz S. Atiya.

Mr. A. Combs had been consummated between the Prophet's widow and son.

The gift also includes conventional hieroglyphic and hieratic Egyptian funerary texts, including the Book of the Dead, which were commonly buried with Egyptian mummies.

The items were found with a group of mummies which the Prophet Joseph Smith purchased from Michael H. Chandler in 1835 in Kirtland, Ohio.

The articles turned over to the Church were found by Dr. Aziz S. Atiya of the University of Utah, a little over a year ago, in a dimly lit room in the Egyptian section of the Museum. Dr.

Atiya is not a member of the Church. He found the collection while browsing through the papyri collection seeking for optic or Islamic Papyri.

Dr. Atiya said, "I was electrified. I recognised immediately the original of Facsimile No. 1 in the Pearl of Great Price. Although it had been damaged some, I knew it was the one Joseph Smith had. I looked through the box and then found a letter signed by Emma Smith Bidamon attesting to the authenticity of the collection. This is one of the great finds of my career."

Dr. Atiya, a friend of the Church, notified the Church and also Dr. Henry

G. Fischer, curator of the Egyptian near Trebes, once a great city. Section.

Dr. Hoving said, "it is very unusual that any item in a museum is given away or sold, but we know of the great interest this material has for your Church, and I am very happy that it can go home where it belongs."

Expressing deep appreciation of the Church for the gift, President Tanner told Dr. Hoving "it is impossible to say what it means to receive this papyri which was once in the hands of the Prophet Joseph Smith."

Dr. Atiya, recently retired as director of the U. of U. Middle East Centre, is known throughout the world as a historian, writer and teacher.

The collection the Church received was first brought to the attention of the Museum in 1918 when Mrs. Alice C. Heusser of Brooklyn, N. Y. took them to the museum for evaluation.

The museum bought the collection from Edward Heusser, husband of Alice Heusser in 1947.

Through the years since the great Chicago fire it had been assumed the four mummies and "two or more" rolls of papyrus the Prophet purchased had been destroyed in that fire.

The history of the Pearl of Great Price papyri begins in the land of Egypt

A French traveller, Antonio Lebolo, obtained a license to probe the catacombs of the dead in Thebes from Mehemet Ali, then viceroy of Egypt in 1828.

Eleven mummies were found deep in the catacombs June 7, 1831. Lebolo, returning to France, via Alexandria, stopped at Trieste where he was taken ill and died 11 days later, in 1832.

He had willed his find to his nephew Michael H. Chandler, then of Philadelphia. The mummies were sent to Dublin, however, for Lebolo believed his nephew was living in Ireland. The mummies were sent on to New York City where they were held at the U.S. Customhouse in the spring of 1833.

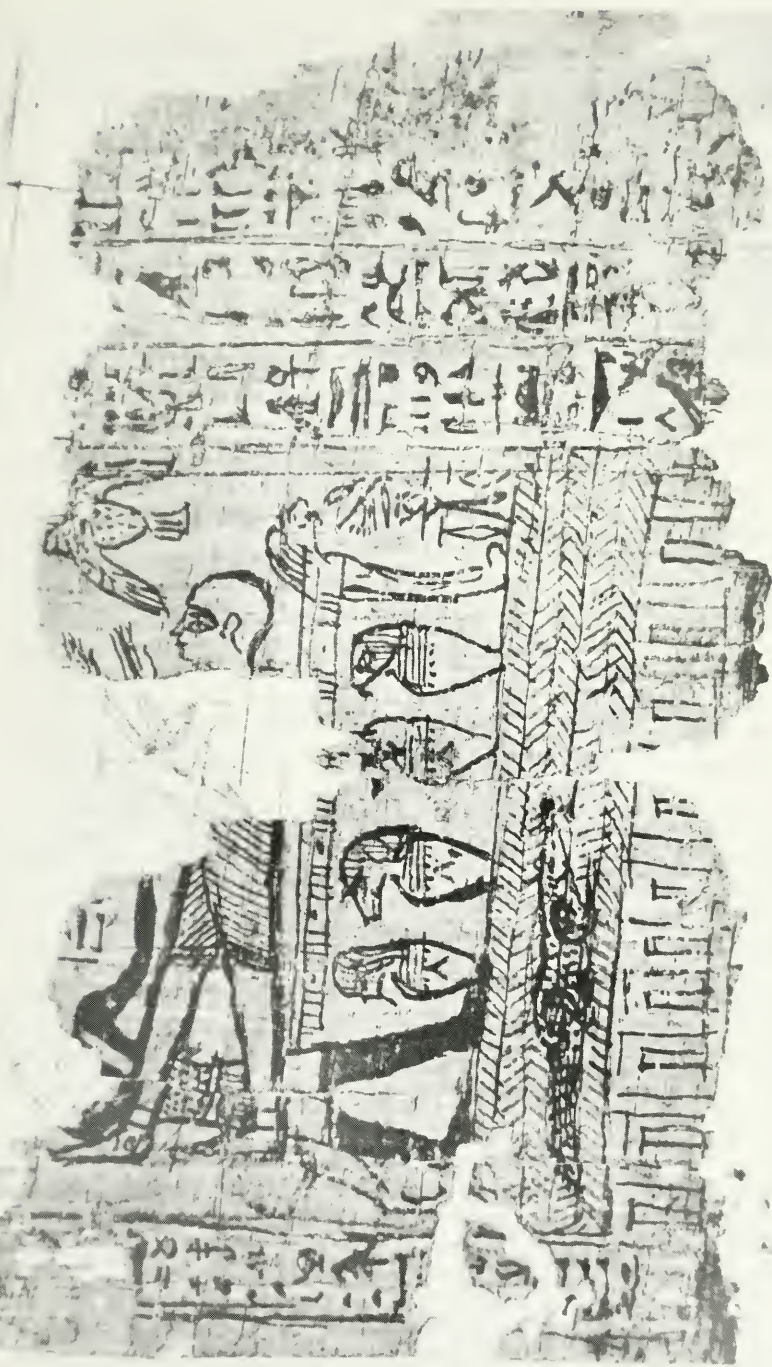
Mr. Chandler took possession and upon opening the cases found two rolls of papyrus and two or three other small pieces of papyrus, with as Elder Oliver Cowdery says, "astronomical calculation, epitaphs, etc. were found with the other mummies."

Disappointed at not finding jewels or treasures, Mr. Chandler was referred to Joseph Smith. Parley P. Pratt's account of how the Prophet obtained the mummies and papyrus was published in 1842.

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Explanation of the facsimile from the Book of Abraham

Fig. 1. The Angle of the Lord. 2. Abraham fastened upon an altar. 3. The idolatrous priest of Eikenah attempting to offer up Abraham as a sacrifice. 4. The altar for sacrifice by the idolatrous priests, standing before the gods of Elkenah, Libnah, Machmackrah, Korash and Pharaoh. 5. The idolatrous god of Elkenah. 6. The idolatrous god of Libnah. 7. The idolatrous god of Mahackrah. 8. The idolatrous god of Korash. 9. The idolatrous god of Pharaoh. 10. Abraham in Egypt. 11. Designed to represent the pillars of heaven, as understood by the Egyptians. 12. Raukeeyang, signifying expanse, or the firmament over our heads; but in this case, in relation to this subject, the Egyptians meant it to signify Shaumau, to be high, or the heavens, answering to the Hebrew word, Shaumahyeem. Joseph Smith copied this "Facsimile No. 1" from this original papyrus.







Papyrus fragment shows ancient Egyptians illustrated parchments they buried with their dead.

PAPYRI*Continued from page 6*

Elder Pratt said the record was translated by the Urim and Thummin and proved to be a record written partly by the father of the faithful Abraham, and finished by Joseph when in Egypt. It is supposed they were preserved in the family of the Pharaohs and later hid up with the embalmed body of the female upon whom they were found.

Joseph Smith wrote that he spent "the remainder of this month continually engaged in translating an alphabet to the Book of Abraham and arranging a grammar of the Egyptian language as practiced by the ancients."

In a recent "Doctrinal Commentary on The Pearl of Great Price" by Hyrum L. Andrus, he notes that a study of a

handwritten document by Joseph Smith designated as the "Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar," shows each page divided by three columns. The first column has a copy of a character, the English pronunciation in the second column and the third contains the translation.

Dr. Andrus in his commentary says:

"A study of the document suggests that it was formatted by an ancient writer, probably Abraham, to assist a translator in deciphering the language in which the record was written. If this conclusion is correct, Joseph Smith literally translated an alphabet to the Book of Abraham."

At this time it is unknown if any other parts of the Chandler collection exist or if they were burned in the Chicago fire of 1871.

Life Sculpture

George Washington Doane
Born May 27, 1799; died April 27, 1859

Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy
With him marble block before him,
And his eyes lit up with a smile of joy,
As an angel-dream passed o'er him.

He carved the dream on that shapeless stone,
With many a sharp incision;
With heaven's own light the sculpture shone,—
He'd caught that angel-vision.

Children of life are we, as we stand
With our lives uncarved before us,
Waiting the hour when, at God's command,
Our life-dream shall pass o'er us.

If we carve it then on the yielding stone,
With many a sharp incision,
Its heavenly beauty shall be our own,—
Our lives, that angel-vision.

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 This certifies that the same were sold
 to Mr. W. Smith, from Egypt
 Mummies with the records of them
 Thus Mummies were obtained from
 the colossus of Egypt and by put
 below the surface of the Earth by
 the antiquarian society of Paris
 offered for sale by the French
 by the Mummy Prophet Joseph
 Smith at the price of twenty four
 hundred dollars in the year 1831
 and thirty five they were highly
 prized by Mr. Smith on account
 of the appearance of the record
 which was found and enclosed some
 of the documents from translations
 by Mr. Smith of the Records these Mummies
 were found to be the family of
 Noah son of Egypt they were
 kept by Mr. Smith until his death
 the Mother of Mr. Smith Mother the
 lady we have had repeated
 offers to purchase which have
 invariably been refused until her
 death which occurred on the
 fourth day of ~~May~~ last this month
 L. C. Bidamon
 Hannah C. Smith Emma Bidamon wife of
 Joseph Smith son of the Prophet

Letter, dated May 26, 1856, signed by Emma Smith Bidamon, widow of Prophet
 and Joseph Smith, son of the Prophet and Emma, also given to the Church.

Why Education?



By President David O. McKay

★ One of the fundamental teachings of the Church is that salvation depends upon knowledge, for "it is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance." (D & C 131:6.) "... if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come." (D & C 130:19.)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands for education. The very purpose of its organization is to promulgate truth among men. Members of the Church are admonished to acquire learning by study, and also by faith and prayer, and to seek after everything that is virtuous, lovely, of good report, or praiseworthy. In this seeking after truth, they are not confined to narrow limits of dogma or creed, but are free to launch into the realm of the infinite.

Gaining knowledge is one thing, and applying it is another. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge to the development of a noble and Godlike character. A man may possess a profound knowledge of history and mathematics, he may be an authority in physiology, biology, or astronomy. He may know all about whatever has been discovered pertaining to general and natural science, but

Message From The Prophet

if he does not, with this knowledge, have that nobility of soul which prompts him to deal justly with his fellowmen and to practice virtue and honesty, he is not a truly educated man.

The aims of education are to develop a structure of thought and to improve human relations. The objective of education is to develop resources in the student that will contribute to his well-being as long as life endures, even eternal life. Its objects are also to develop power of self-mastery, that a student may never be a slave to indulgence or other weaknesses, and to develop virile manhood and beautiful womanhood. Truly, a nation's greatest asset is its untarnished manhood and pure womanhood.

What, then, is true education? It is awakening a love for truth, giving a just sense of duty, opening the eyes of the soul to the great purpose and end of life. It is not so much giving words as thoughts; not mere maxims so much as living principles. It is not teaching the individual to love the good for one's own sake; it is teaching him to love the good for the sake of the good itself, to be virtuous in action because he is so in heart, and to love and serve God supremely, not from fear but from delight in his perfect character.

Character is the aim of true education; and science, history, and literature are but means used to accomplish this desired end. Character is not the result of chance, but of continuous right thinking and right acting.

True education seeks to make men and women not only good mathematicians, proficient linguists, profound scientists, or brilliant literary lights, but also honest men with virtue, temperance, and brotherly love. It seeks to make men and women who prize truth, justice, wisdom, benevolence, and self-control as the choicest acquisitions of a successful life.

I look upon all recipients of true education as individuals and groups radiating an influence that makes less dense and ineffective the darkness of ignorance, suspicion, hatred, bigotry, avarice, and greed, which continue to envelop in darkness the lives of men.

Education is an investment, not an expense. It can become an investment not only for time but also for eternity. "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection." (D & C 130:18.)

The lives of men become signposts to us, pointing the way along roads that lead either to lives of usefulness and happiness or lives of selfishness and misery. It is important, then, that we seek, both in life and in books, the companionship of the best and noblest men and women.

My young friends, students of the Church: Choose the paramount purpose of true education and let it be yours as you seek your education in the school, the college, or the university of your choice!

The Deseret Club in the University of Oxford

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British

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for all LDS involved in full time Further Education,
e.g. university, C.A.T., college of education, etc

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for details of our programme price and point (and
that's important: once you see it our way, you're
bound to want to come); write, that is, to:

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LEICESTER STAKE

EASTWOOD RELIEF SOCIETY BAZAAR SUCCESSFUL

★ Eastwood Ward Relief Society held a very successful bazaar on Oct. 21st under the direction of Lilian Barnes. It was opened by Florence H. Peach, who was presented with a bouquet by Susan Derbyshire. The sisters had worked hard to produce a display of sewn and knitted articles and a stall of home-made goods. The priesthood members also contributed by making table lamps, a table and stool, doll's cradle, letter racks and book racks.

Almost £35 was made for the Relief Society funds.

★ Cats, witches, ghosts were all in evidence when the M.I.A. members assembled at Nottingham on Oct. 31st to celebrate Halloween. Apart from dancing and refreshments the main attraction was the Horror Corridor, where small groups of four or less were taken on a conducted tour of ghoulish classrooms, where they were exposed to headless women, ghosts, bodies etc., the ensuing screams were a sure sign of its success.

Another big event was organised by the M.I.A. for Nov. 4th, when a ward barbecue was planned instead of the traditional bonfire. Each family was invited to bring their own fireworks, but heavy rain spoiled the evening. Even so it was thoroughly enjoyed, the baked potatoes, sausages, pancakes, bonfire toffee and orange squash being very welcome.

The following Tuesday the Relief Society had a stall on the Nottingham market. Various soft toys and other hand made articles were sold, and at

the end of quite a brisk day of business approximately £13 was raised.

★ At the Stake Primary Ball on Nov. 11th over a hundred saints and friends danced to the music of the New Woodsetton Group at Leicester. The compere for the evening was John Bond, and the programme included folk, pop, and modern dancing. The Cultural hall was very attractively decorated with large paper flowers made by the Stake Primary presidency.

★ Vyvienne Attenburrow of Western Park Branch celebrated her 21st birthday in the stake house on Nov. 10th. Geoffrey Harris was the M.C. and made the evening go with a swing. Amongst the 75 guests were some family members who had not met for a long time, and Vyvienne's 78-year-old grandmother who gaily joined in the games.

★ The theme of the stake roadshow this year was "In an English Country Garden" and over five hundred saints in a very crowded stake house saw ten portrayals with colourful flowers and gay songs.

The humorous Bill and Ben, the Flower Pot Men were in evidence both in Derby's T.V. programme where the daisy was crying until another daisy in trousers was found for her, and also in Walsall's garden full of dainty dancing flowers with the entertaining but unwilling gardener. Fairies appeared in some gardens, Nuneaton's were definitely large ones—the brethren—who were holding their starred wands, and South Birmingham had an equally large Fairy Gumboots, (another brother) who taught a lazing gardener his work. Hucknall's enchanted garden belonging to Mary Quite Contrary had a visit from the Wizard of Oz to complete the magic.

Other ideas came from Nottingham, with a Duke opening his garden to trippers, and from Woodsetton with their two Oscar Wilde type ladies.

When the winners were announced, Leicester and Mansfield tied for first place. Mansfield had given "Gardeners Anonymous" — gnome statues, which slickly transformed an empty garden into one full of flowers of all seasons. In Leicester's show it was the seven dwarfs who changed the garden, each bringing a different flower with an appropriate song. Coventry gained second place, and their garden had trouble with peas over-running the flowers. Third was Handsworth with yet another different idea, here inspiring marching and vigorous songs showed soldiers through the ages, dreaming of their English garden and English girls at home.

Stake Drama Director, Ernest Hooker, said in his closing remarks that he was overwhelmed and practically speechless

at the success of this roadshow, and the audience were unanimous with agreeing with him. Four coaches and numerous cars filled the car park, testifying to the numbers who had travelled to take part and to support their entrants. The enthusiasm and excitement at the end showed how worth while the evening had been.

★ Because of the tremendous growth of the Church in Leicester, a new branch has been formed and is known as the Western Park Branch. It will be dependent on the Leicester Ward. Albert E. Porter is the branch president.

★ At the stake conference on Nov. 11th, Stanley H. Woods was released as the president of Walsall branch, a position he has held since the branch was first formed six years ago, and sustained as a member of the stake High Council. Kenneth Degville was then sustained as the new branch president.



Bill and Ben, the Beatles and others taking part in Derby's roadshow presentation in Leicester Stake.



There were Fairies at the bottom of Nuneaton's garden in Leicester Stake roadshows.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Consett Branch held a Welcome Home party for May Davidson the Branch President's wife on her return from the hospital on Nov. 4th. Sister Davidson underwent an operation following the birth of her baby two months ago. The party took the form of a home

evening with a bonfire and fireworks afterwards.

On Nov. 11th the branch held an open house where each auxiliary had a display showing how and why they were run. Music by the Tabernacle choir was played continuously from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. The branch presidency were very pleased with the results.

★ Because of hard work and enterprise on behalf of the members, Newton Aycliffe Chapel is now paid for and ready to be dedicated. Their latest effort was a Jumble Sale which brought in £9 and they will be continuing with various projects as they have now started an organ fund.

★ About seven years ago, two sisters joined the Church at Middlesborough, they were Sadie and Eva Cupryna. Both have grown in the Church, Sadie being Relief Society president and Eva, teacher and counsellor in the Sunday School. Happy in the Gospel, their only wish was that Eva's twin sister Jean would also accept the Church. On the last Fast and Testimony Sunday, both were able to stand up and express their gratitude that their wish had been granted and their sister Jean Harburn with her husband and two children had been baptized. This item is reported to encourage those who desire their loved ones to accept the Church. The faith and prayers of dedicated people are always heeded by our Father in Heaven.

★ Middlesborough and Billingham Wards held a joint Halloween Party on Oct. 28th. Games and dancing were organised by Lynn Hammond while his wife Pat was busy in the kitchen supervising the roasting of potatoes and preparations of other tasty morsels. Kathryn Henwood and Lesley Marshall decorated the hall with very realistic spider webs and the occasional turnip lantern flickering gave a very eerie atmosphere. Albert Smith terrified everyone with ghost stories (credit to Edgar Allen Poe) while the potatoes were finishing off. The Building fund was richer by some eight pounds as a result of the evening.

★ Matthew Finnigan as Merlin, the magician, and Jenny Jones as a Spanish Lady, were the winners of the fancy dress parade at Gateshead Halloween party. Brother Sims who judged the fancy dress was the winner of the ghost story contest.

★ Peterlee Branch M.I.A. also organised a Halloween Party, and weirdy costumes were made by Mary Graham and her daughter Trudy. A hearty meal of sausages and beans rounded off the evening.

Yet another party was held in the Hartlepool Ward on Friday Oct. 27th. The evening was a mixture of dances and games, but the main attraction was "Spooks Alley". This alley was very dark and creepy with cobwebs, bodies and skeletons, and members were compelled to pass through it. Judith Noble and Rosalind Ward were responsible. The Cultural hall was decorated with spiders, black cats and a witch with her caldron and broomstick.

Bishop Laurie of the Hartlepool Ward now has two counsellors. Ronald Barret is first counsellor and Harry Talbot second counsellor.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ Thirty one members of the Relief Society from various parts of the stake, were privileged to attend the Relief Society General Conference during their visit to Salt Lake with the Charter Flight last September. Some were in attendance at the Tabernacle, while others visited the various departments held in the Assembly Hall, Relief Society Building and certain ward chapels. It

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was a wonderful experience for these sisters to gain instruction and mingle with the saints from all over the world. Most of them expressed the wonder and delight they felt during the visit and how impressed they were to see many of the places they had hitherto only glimpsed from afar, in fact from the covers of the Relief Society Magazine. Altogether it proved to be an uplifting and testimony building experience.

Eleven sisters who did not go on the flight had the opportunity to spend several days at the London Temple on a special "Ladies visit". This was the largest party from the stake to attend such a visit and they attended several sessions each day. They were also able to visit Crawley Branch Relief Society, on the evening of their opening social. Everyone enjoyed this most uplifting visit, and they hope to repeat the experience whenever the opportunity presents itself.

★ Several changes have taken place in the stake recently, Manchester Ward's Bishop, Brian Neville King has gone over the border to Scotland and his place has been taken by Bishop Edwin Charnock Slater, with Ernest Keith Viner as 1st counsellor and Derek Coulthard as 2nd Counsellor. Bishop Slater is in insurance, Bro. Viner is a university graduate, and Bro. Coulthard a metallurgist and a returned Building missionary.

Raymond T. Lloyd is bishop of the new Hyde Ward, with Ronald Eades as 1st counsellor and Herbert K. Featherstone 2nd counsellor.

Anthony James Thorpe has been appointed branch president at Macclesfield replacing Lawrence Mercer Greg-

son who has been called to serve as a high councilman.

★ The Manchester Mormon Choir had hardly arrived back at Manchester Airport before it was giving further concerts at Liverpool and at the town hall at Hyde, Cheshire. A concert is being arranged to take place at the Manchester Free Trade Hall the proceeds will be donated to OxFam. Now that the Salt Lake visit is over it is good to see that there is no decrease in the numbers attending each rehearsal.

LONDON STAKE HIGH PRIESTS

★ Former Pres. Joseph William Darling of the London Stake and his wife, Sister "Trixie" Darling, were honoured at the stake High Priest Quorum annual banquet Oct. 23th, in South London Ward Cultural Hall.

Following a delicious dinner Pres. and Sister Darling were presented a silver bowl by Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr.

Pres. Darling was released as stake president in the September quarterly conference and then sustained as a patriarch to the stake.

He responded to the gift presentation expressing a warm love and appreciation for all whom he had worked with and in fact all members of the stake. "You are the best people in all the world" he said. "Trixie and I hold a deep regard for you." Sister Darling also responded.

Pres. Dougald C. McKeown, second counselor in the stake presidency, was master of ceremonies for the evening. The programme included a skit from each of the wards.

The Catford Ward prepared and served the meal.

LONDON STAKE

★ Three Young Men of the London Stake recently received highly prized awards. The Duty to God Award was presented to Adrien Hobbs of St. Albans ward at Stake Conference on September 17th and to William James Jolliffe, also of St. Albans, at Stake Conference on November 5th. The third young man to achieve was Geoffrey H. J. Willmott, who was presented with the Master M-Man award. This award is the highest which can be earned in the YMMIA and Geoffrey has earned it in the minimum period of three years. All three young men are to be congratulated on the achievement and service which these awards represent.

A LATTER-DAY SAINT IS . . .

★ A Latter-day Saint is a wife who all afternoon baking lasagne and whipping up a cake and then takes her family to the Church bazaar, where her good husband pays a dime-a-dip for the lasagne and buys back the cake.

A Latter-Day Saint is a person with six sacks of wheat in his garage and a super-market across the street

A Latter-day Saint bishop is a man who holds down a full-time job to support his family, pay tithing, fast offerings, budget, building fund and missionary fund and then smiles when a stranger asks him how much he averages per year from his congregation.

A Latter-day Saint is a mother who never gets her ironing done because Relief Society is on Tuesday.

A Latter-day Saint is a child who prays but does not expect miracles; he takes them **far** granted.

A Latter-day Saint is a man who orders milk and smiles when the waitress confesses that SHE has an ulcer, too.

A Latter-day Saint is a Doctor of Philosophy who listens quietly while his fourteen year-old companion gives a ward teaching lesson to a family.

A Latter-day Saint is an MIA superintendent who calls a 6.45 meeting to prepare for a 7 p.m. meeting which prepares for the 7.15 meeting in which plans are laid for the regular 7.30 MIA meeting.

A Latter-day Saint is a young teen who has a math test on Wednesday and who brings his sociology book to Mutual on Tuesday night.

A Latter-day Saint is an elderly lady who neither sees nor hears well but who sits quietly in Church basking in the spirit as friendly arms go around her and loved ones take her by the hand.

A Latter-day Saint is a person going to or coming from or sitting in a meeting.

(From The Challenge, publication of the Irish Mission)

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

Combined Social Held at West Hull

★ West Hull Relief Society sisters and friends combined their opening social with a birthday celebration for their oldest member Minnie Jones, who was ninety years old. She was presented with a bouquet of roses, and a cake that had been specially baked in her honour. The evening's entertainment began with tongue twisters, and was followed by a fashion parade with the sisters modelling garments they had made themselves; the winner received a box of chocolates.

★ Three girls gave a very convincing portrayal of the three witches on the heath from "Macbeth" at the East Hull M.I.A. Halloween Party on Oct. 31st. It was presented by an unusual ghost story read by David Mount, which provided the right atmosphere for the rest of the evening. A ghost play was also performed at the "Mormon Fair" which took place the following evening and was attended by nearly eighty people.

★ Hull District M-men/Gleaners held a Cinderella Dinner and Dance on Oct. 7th under the direction of Y.W. Pres. Ann Swaney and Y.M. Supt. Robert Thistleton. The dance took place at York with over one hundred guests, who enjoyed a splendid meal of tomato soup, roast beef and vegetables, ice-cream and fruit, all prepared and served by the York Relief Society. Afterwards the Harold Midgeley Trio from Stamford Bridge provided music for a very lively and varied dance programme.

★ On Oct. 15th James Stone was sus-

tained as the president of the East Hull Branch, with John Kennington and Graham Barber as counsellors.

★ Accrington Branch held a fireside at the home of Brother and Sister Johns on Nov. 12th when about sixteen young people of all ages managed to make themselves comfortable and prepared themselves to take part in a vigorous and illuminating debate. A team of teenagers battled with a team composed of more "Stadely" brothers and sisters while Branch President Ambrose Worthington acted as chairman and handled the highly exuberant proceedings with skill and understanding. Various matters were discussed during the course of the evening, including such controversial items as "Mini Skirts", and respect for elders, (not the missionaries in this instance).

The evening's enjoyment was rounded off with light refreshments and group singing.

★ The Liverpool District Relief Society held their Annual Dinner on Oct. 21st at the Liverpool Chapel, when one hundred and thirty brethren and sisters attended. Entertainment was provided by the Liverpool Male Voice Choir, and the programme was emceed by Brother H. Baldwin. During the evening awards were presented to the Crosby Branch for Visiting Teachers, Wirral Branch for Magazine Subscriptions and the Northwich Branch for Monthly Competitions.

★ On Nov. 18th the Visiting Teaching Convention was held in the Liverpool Chapel organised by the District Relief Society Presidency. Sister Shorracks was the guest speaker with Sister

Stevens, the District Visiting Teacher Leader. The Liverpool Branch gave a very excellent demonstration of how to conduct a Visiting Teaching Meeting, and the play "Why" by Esther Albon, was greatly enjoyed. In the cast Sisters Fraser, West, Irwin, Taylor, and Wilson, with Brother Irwin as Saint Peter, really made the audience see the benefits of going to Relief Society. Sister Alma Perry conducted the Convention and produced the play.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Twenty-year-old Sue Bailey from Palo Alto, California has been a student at Stanford University British Extension Campus at Harlaxton Manor in Grantham, Lincolnshire for the past six months. There are eighty American students there and they entered Sue in the local Charity drive Queen Contest. Selected as the "Grantham Rag Queen" she went in to represent the area at Nottingham University in their student Charity appeal at which over £7,000 was collected.

She competed against thirty other girls and won, and now reigns as the Nottingham University Carnival Queen for 1967. She has given speeches, met Lord Mayors, led raids to raise funds, and reigned at many dances. Despite this activity Sue is currently reading history and hopes to teach in this field. She returned home for Christmas where she is an active member of Palo Alto First Ward, her two brothers Dave and Mark, both attend B.Y.U. David has served a mission in South Germany. While studying at Harlaxton Manor, Sue has been attending the Grantham Branch of the Midlands East District.

★ Brother Bosbury of the Kidderminster Branch welcomed members



Sue Bailey

from Redditch, Stourbridge and Worcester to their show on Nov. 11th. The Missionaires opened the programme, and they were followed by sketches from various branches, a musical item from Sister Byrne of Worcester and jokes from Bernard Haw. Patrick Layton performed on the harmonica and the accordion, as well as appearing in some of the sketches. Refreshments were served during the interval, and a box of chocolates was presented to one of the sisters from Stourbridge for the best skit.

★ During the morning session of the Midlands South District Conference on Oct. 29th, Hilda Neale received an award of a Genealogy manual for naming the new District Priesthood and Temple magazine, "Kith and Kin". Aaronic Priesthood awards were also presented to the young men of the District.

★ Northampton's M.I.A. Halloween party was held on Nov. 1st. More than fifty members braved the dreadful Witches' weather in order to get there,

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and were rewarded by draughts of Witches' brew. Grotesque costumes, fun fortune telling and Penny Church's Folk Band enlivened the activities.

The Branch's "Best Ever" Relief Society Bazaar was held in the Cultural Hall on Nov. 18th. It was packed with "would be" buyers as never before, and great profits were made. The bazaar followed the District Leadership meeting so Branches from Rugby, Bedford and Northampton had stalls.

★ The Stourbridge Branch held another interesting Fireside on Nov. 5th. Forty members and friends, were present including some visitors from the Kidderminster Branch. The guest speakers introduced the Alcoholic Anonymous Association, stressing the importance of one's health and stating that prayer is a stronghold whilst under-going treatment. Also pointing out the fact that there is a high percentage of Alcoholics all over the world, the aim of the "A.A." is to help as much as possible with their unpaid services. The Relief Society provided their usual array of delicious food, and the evening proved to be one of interesting learning.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

Winifred Jones

Wirral Branch, North British Mission

★ A love of good books has been the guiding light in the life of Winifred Jones. She believes that through reading a person may acquire knowledge and inspiration that enriches ones existence.

"Life holds for us that which we have stored within us" says her daughter, Norma Edwards. "Books leave their traces in our minds and the thoughts and experiences of others are stored away." She reflects the same respect for good literature that has moulded the life of her mother.



Sister Edwards remembers when she was little that Sister Jones took her children every week to the local library. She recalls, "I remember the basket of books my mother would bring home with her. Good books were the only ones allowed into our home. Cheap books were never tolerated."

Sister Jones joined the Church four years ago and has studied with great enthusiasm the standard works of the Church as well as many other Church books. She has been Primary and Relief Society teacher and the Home Making teacher of the Liverpool District Relief Society.

Winnifred Stevens describes her as "... a wise and understanding friend to all; a sympathetic and loving mother to her children and a stalwart member of the Church." She said "Although Sister Jones has had a severe illness for many months, her great spirit is undimmed and her faith is burning brighter than ever before."

Sister Edwards concludes with this tribute. "I am so grateful to my mother for the way she taught me to always love my fellowmen, to respect my neighbours, and to always seek after light and truth."

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

ELDER CULLIMORE DEDICATES READING CHAPEL

★ While Elder James A. Cullimore Assistant to the Twelve and his wife were visiting the British Isles in September he dedicated the Reading Chapel. About five hundred people attended the service which was conducted by President K. Wigglesworth of the Reading Branch. Mission Pres. J. W. Child, Sister Child and District Pres. Cornell also attended the service. Talks were given by Moria Peacock, Robert Silcott, Alfred Haslem and Gerald Portch, recalling the happy times, and the hardships of the construction of the Chapel, and the unusual way in which the land was acquired.

Although Reading was amongst the first chapels to be built in Britain, it could not be dedicated until all the finances were in order and the building completely owned by the members. There was some £3,000 still needed on completion to cover the local contributions towards the cost, which the members raised by holding bazaars, jumble sales, socials, dances, pantomimes etc.

★ As the summer activities drew to an end, the Thames Valley District held a Chrysanthemum Ball in September, the first of their winter dances. About two hundred dancers thronged the Cultural hall which was beautifully decorated with Autumn coloured streamers and twenty-four dozen chrysanthemum blooms. A thirty foot poster for the ball, each letter containing a

cartoon, was drawn by the girls of M.I.A. and caused much amusement to everyone.

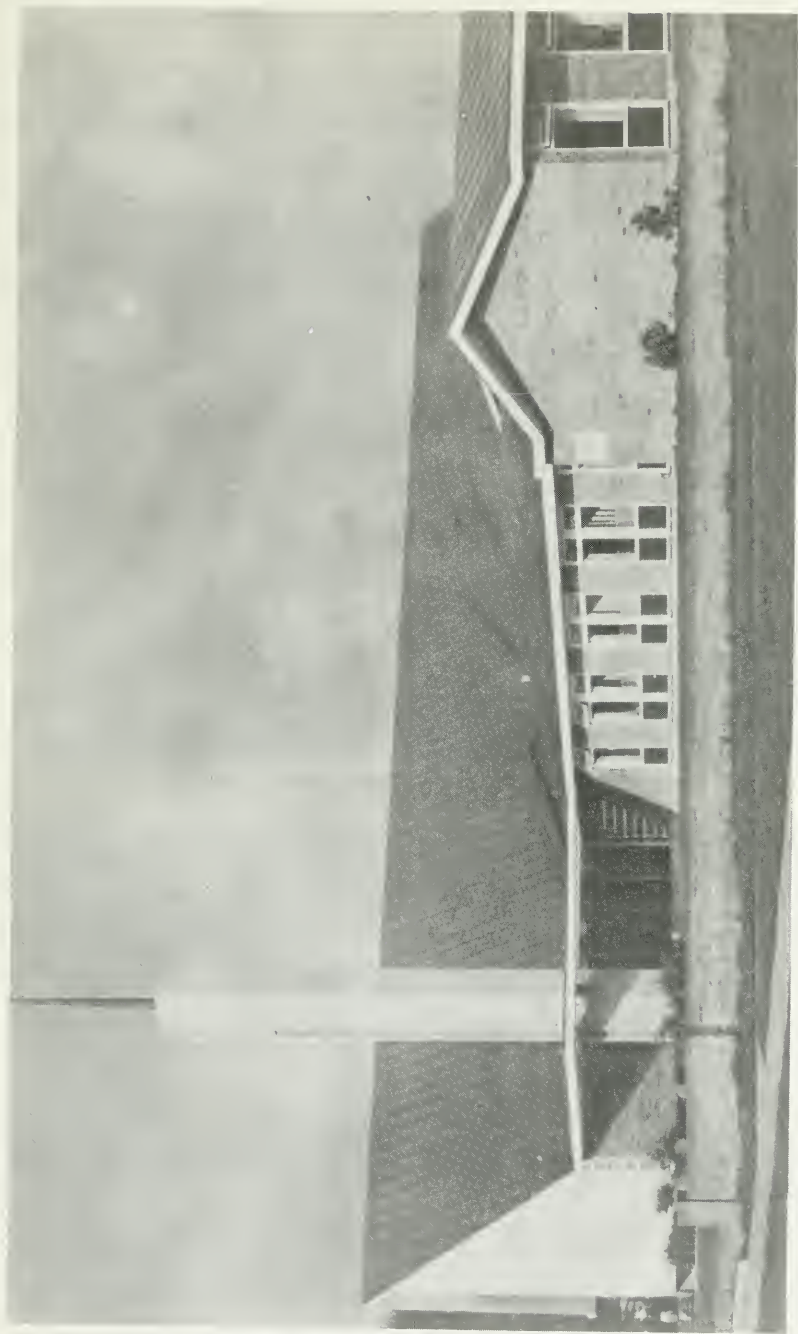
★ Spook Alley's and Halloween Parties were very much in evidence this year, and Mitcham Branch also celebrated the event with a party the theme of which was Witches and Wizards. Henry Hull judged the fancy dress and Glenn Tomkins won the children's section and Wendy Dodd the adult section, both were presented with prizes. William and Mary Brock were responsible for the decorations in the hall and Mary Burland organised the Spook Alley. After games under the direction of Frederick Boness, a Spooky Story brought the evening to a close.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION NEWS

★ Captain G. Farrell Young and his wife Doratha are the proud parents of an eight pound boy born on November 14th. Captain Young is president of the Huntingdon Branch of the Central British Mission. Both he and Sister Young are on the Mission Board.

★ We should all have the wish—and work to make it a reality—that our pilgrimage through life will leave some traces of our having passed this way. Like the lamplighter, a man's course in life can be determined by the light he leaves behind him, even after he has turned the corner. Every act is a guidepost that tells the world which way we are going.

—Pres. Hugh B. Brown



Reading Chapel dedicated by Elder James A. Cullimore.

IRISH MISSION

Army Camp Site For Irish Leadership Course

★ Ballykinler Army Camp was the place chosen by the Irish Mission for their recent Leadership week-end. Most of the youth were from the Belfast districts but one young lady travelled all the way from the Isle-of-Man. Although the weather was miserable on the Friday evening it did not hamper the wonderful spirit as the saints claimed their beds and queued at the store for bedding to make them up. When this chore was finished everyone gathered together for a social.

Saturday morning breakfast was served at 8.30 a.m. and at 9 a.m. those wishing to participate in games gathered on the green. Football, touch-rugby,

cricket and many others were enough to warm up the coldest person, and considering they were in the Mourne mountains it was cold.

After lunch a Judo exhibition was given by a member of the Army Youth Team with Carole Barlow of Bangor Branch. This was followed by a demonstration of first-aid by Sister S. Griffith, then archery and volley-ball again with the Army Youth team. The evening was rounded off with a record hop.

Sunday morning Mission President Ashcroft had a meeting with the saints, and after breakfast there was a discussion on different aspects of the Gospel in which everyone participated until lunch time. The weekend closed with a Testimony meeting such as many had never experienced before. The love they had for one another and the Gospel, literally made everyone glow.

On the way back to Belfast they all sang their favourite hymns and discussed how much they had enjoyed the week-end and how it could help them to serve more diligently.



Irish youth at leadership weekend.



On the sports field at the Ballykinler camp, Irish Mission.

110 Missionaries Honoured At Belfast Banquet

★ One hundred ten missionaries of the Belfast District were served a Thanksgiving dinner at the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast, as guests of the Northern Ireland Government.

Mr. Neil C. McMannus, American Consulate General in Belfast, was the principal speaker.

The affair was arranged by Bro. Robert

Todd, president of the Ulster Young Unionist/Conservative Association, who welcomed the guests and missionaries on behalf of his government department. Mission Pres. Thorne Ashcroft and Sister Ashcroft, spoke on the mission coat of arms.

Bro. Todd, a former Presbyterian minister, is a recent convert to the

Church. He related the story of his conversion, how he had served as assistant minister in the Presbyterian Church in both North and South Ireland as well as in England and Wales.

"I never knew the Prophet Joseph Smith personally," he declared, "but one thing is sure in my mind and that is that I have learned a lot since going down into the waters of baptism. I have come to respect the Prophet and the instruction which he gives us." Bro. Todd bore a strong testimony and spoke of his "deep respect for all missionaries and their callings."

Pres. and Sister Tanner, a missionary

couple also spoke.

The missionary sisters provided impressive Bow Ties for the missionaries. Missionaries from the Mountpottinger District provided music. Elder Daybell proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Todd and the Northern Ireland Government. Elder Mitchell read a letter telegram from President David O. McKay and Elder Whilde read a letter telegram from President Lyndon B. Johnson of the United States.

Elder Hardy and Elder Bartholomew proposed a toast to President Johnson and to Her Majesty the Queen. Elder Turley was Master of Ceremonies



At Thanksgiving dinner for 110 missionaries of Belfast District, Irish Mission in Belfast. Pres and Sister Thorne Ashcroft, fifth and sixth from left.



Sister Haslem, center, Reading, discusses Relief Society with two Sisters from Tahiti during the auxiliary's annual reception in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Reading Sister Relates Visit to Relief Society Conference

★ My trip to Salt Lake with my husband was the most wonderful holiday of my life. I have so many precious memories to look back on. Just to be in Salt Lake was an experience never to be forgotten, because there is a tremendous spirit all over the valley. The mountains are really beautiful—there seems to be something very special about them.

One of our first visits was up through part of the route the Pioneers took and on to the "This is the Place Monument." To stand where Brigham Young had said those famous words and look out

over the valley made me wonder how the Saints must have felt when they had their first glimpse of the Valley. Looking out from this position made me realise what a blessed land it is and the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy—"And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. The wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose."

During Conference Week we had many choice experiences. I was able to visit the Relief Society Homemaking Display. This is open for just one day, and I was fortunate enough to be able to go. There were displays from wards all over the states and I was told preparations for the display had been started 12 months before hand. General Board members on the Homemaking Committee visit wards during the year and choose articles to be displayed. There were Christmas decorations, large flowers which were made out of crepe paper, quilting some really delicate needle work, hand made jewelry and hand painted pottery. The sisters of Relief Society had put many hours of work into the crafts which were displayed. It impressed me to see all the Homemaking Committee members dressed in Jersey suits which they had made themselves, all from the same pattern, but with different variations. Some had embroidery, some pockets, some jackets of different length and all in attractive colours.

The following evening my husband and I were taken to the Relief Society Building to a reception where the General Board members were meeting Relief Society Sisters from all over the world. It was a wonderful feeling to be part of such an organisation. I met two Sisters from Tahiti who, with a group of Brothers and Sisters, did a display of Tahitian singing and dancing. We were given a specially conducted tour around by our friend, who is a secretary to a General Board member. We were taken into the offices of the Presidency each one furnished differently with gifts from Relief Societies all over the world. One such gift was a china coach and horses piece, which was in Sister Spafford's office. All the General Board members were again

dressed distinctively in long evening dresses

We were able to visit the Genealogical Vaults before they were closed down for the winter. We had a conducted tour and it didn't take us long to realise that the Lord certainly had been with the Saints when they were building the Vaults. It seems after tunnelling out the main passage they decided to go a little further to make sure it was solid granite, and there they found a natural spring—from where it comes or where it goes they don't know—but there is sufficient for the processing needs and general use of the staff of the Vaults. What is more wonderful, the water is 99.7 per cent pure—so they need add no chlorine. They found also that the air circulates naturally from one side to the other so there is no need for air conditioning as the Vaults are exactly the right temperature for storing film. My testimony was strengthened so much by this visit. I know the Lord had a hand in building those Vaults.

We have such happy memories of seeing all our friends who now live in America, and of being with our missionaries at the reunions. It was wonderful to see those young men and women with their wives and husbands and some with their families.

To sit in the Tabernacle and listen to the leaders of the Church give such words of inspiration, and to hear the Choir was such a spiritual uplift. We were also able to go through the Salt Lake Temple, which is an experience I shall never forget.

I was very sad to leave that beautiful valley and I long for the day when I can go back again and experience that feeling I had when I stood and looked up at the Temple and knew the Church was true.

Sister Dorothy Haslem



Father Christmas entertained the children.

WALSALL BRANCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

★ If money earned is a measure of success, the Walsall Branch Christmas Fair was truly successful. They raised over £100 at their November 4th event and it is estimated that £65 will be clear profit.

Advanced publicity in the local papers and at branch functions was partly responsible for the fine support it received. Programmes were sold to

Church members and their friends for a shilling. They listed the stalls that would be open as well as the programme for a concert to be held in the evening. A voucher was included in the programme that could be exchanged for a shillings worth of bazaar goods. Many were sold to people who could not come to the bazaar and it gave them an opportunity to contribute.

Months of hard work went into the preparation of this event. Well-laden stalls of children's clothes, home made food, cards calendars, plants and pets offered a wide variety for purchasers. Father Christmas (Charles Perry) was a great attraction for the children. The room and stalls were gaily decorated by Prim Degville.

The Relief Society was honored to have Dorothy Poole, the wife of the stake president, to open the bazaar.

The Walsall Branch Relief Society Presidency Peggy Edmunds, Betty Degville and Margaret Woods felt well rewarded for a most successful evening.



Walsall Branch Christmas Fair.



A display of gifts and cards.

Fair Mary

Fair Mary, Mother of Our Lord
As Tenderly you gazed upon your new-born Son,
What wondrous thoughts passed through your mind
Remembering He was the promised One?

At first the pride that every Mother feels
As reverently she looks upon a spirit fresh from God,
And then an overwhelming humility and awe
That you had helped fulfill His Holy Word.

Surely only faith and trust
In God, who strengthened you in days now gone,
Could help you face this great responsibility
And fill your trembling heart with song.

Julia T. West, Colchester, Essex

★ January's cold, sharp wind and frosty days make warm, nourishing meals a must for busy families. This casserole fills the bill! It is a good recipe to use on Primary or M.I.A. days when meal preparing time is short. You can make it ahead of time, even a day before, and then put it in the oven to warm for thirty minutes before serving.

Hamberger-Noodle Casserole

- 1½ lb. minced beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 12 ounces tinned, whole kernal corn
- 1 tin condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 tin condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 4 ounces commercial sour cream
- ½ cup pimento (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups cooled and drained noodles
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 3 tbs. melted butter

Lightly brown mince and onions. Add corn, soups, sour cream, pimento and seasonings. Mix well. Stir in noodles and pour into a 2 quart casserole.

Mix bread crumbs with melted butter and sprinkle over the top. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes or until hot. Serves eight to ten.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

★ If you have never used wheat germ try it as it makes a delicious topping for casseroles. I often substitute it for bread crumbs as it is much more nourishing and has a delicious flavour. I use it on all cereals, hot and cold. It can be purchased in many grocery stores or all health food stores.

The Mountains of Endeavour

Have you not seen a wondrous mountain range,
Peak upon peak touched lightly by the sun,
Then in a moment, changing mood for mood,
Crouching 'neath mist and storm clouds, one by one?
Have you not wondered at those sides so sheer,
No upward path appears to find a way
Around the many crevices, that seem
To lie in wait for those who lightly stray?

Have you not seen on snowy mountainside,
Beautiful eidelweiss in safety cling,
Showering in great profusion on the slopes
Flowers that welcome nature's sweetest spring?
There too are silver waterfalls, and streams
Of mountain pureness, lifegiving and cool,
Tumbling, racing downwards, where they end
Peacefully, blending in a lowland pool.

On the great mountain slopes are young men climbing,
Upward and even onward to their goal,
Many a climber grows increasing weary,
Turns from the direct path to pause or stroll.
Yet only those who do not fear nor falter,
Neither choose turning paths to lead them on,
These men alone will reach the greatest summit,
Attaining glory may look upon.

Life is a range of mountains just as massive,
Life, with its many crevices that wait
For the false step the climber may be making,
One step to seal an everlasting fate.
We must climb surely onward up each mountain,
Eyes ever fixed on towering snowcapped peak,
Senses alert to counter every danger,
Each stone that quietly moves to trap the weak.

Life's mountain range is glorious to encounter,
Each peak is balanced by a friendly vale,
Life's crevices are all our faults and failures
Sent to confuse the upward Gospel trail.
We must climb every mountain as we find it,
Rising from level ground upon the plain,
Till finally we climb on up forever,
In God's eternal mountain range to reign

3 Young Poets Express Their Thoughts

★ Three young poets of Hayes Branch, British South Mission, have shared their poems with us. These were the result of a poetry contest held in their Junior Sunday School.

THE LORD JESUS

Jesus is my shining light
That guides me through
The day and night.
I am His treasure in His fold.
His hands out to me He does hold.
Jesus is my shining light
That guides me through
The day and night.

Neil Taylor, Age 8

WINTER

Winter is my favourite season because
it brings the snow and freezes
the ponds so thick.
It brings the frost that paints
upon my window and the little
robins that sing their songs
among the winter trees in the
winter wind.
When I go out to clear a path I
hear the robins sing their
song way up on the chimney pot.
When I finish the path it looks
just like a bright, new pin.
Then I go in and go to bed by
the winter's moon.

Trevor Grady, Age 7

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THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

When he was a boy he did not know
Which church to join or where to go.
He looked into the scriptures in his youth,
And at last found the truth.
He found that if you prayed sincere
You'd get an answer to your prayer.
And so he went to the grove to pray.

A light descended brighter than day.
It looked like men with flesh and bone,
Not one but two, and they stood alone.
Then Joseph asked which church was true.
And they answered "None, it will come anew."

And from that day the Church so small
Grew and grew and will never fall.
This poem is for people that do not know
Which church to join or where to go.

Fred Ashby, Age 11

ATTENTION CHILDREN

★ We are going to have a children's page in each Millennial Star for children under twelve years old. We would like short stories, poems, riddles, games, cross-word puzzles and even recipes that children would enjoy. This page will also include children's own hobbies, pictures, poems and stories. We would be interested in biographies of children who have special interests and talents.

Please send such material to:

Gwen Cannon
"Bywood" Nightingales Lane,
Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Children Learn To Speak

by Gwen Cannon

★ A great opportunity offered in the Church, even to the very young, is that of public speaking. By the time the youth of the Church are ready to go on missions, they have had long and rich experiences in expressing themselves to others. This opportunity can come to even the youngest member of the Junior Sunday School. A three year old can hold up a picture and describe it in a simple sentence to his fellow students. Another may give a prayer or recite a children's poem. These are the beginnings. As they do these tasks successfully so they grow in confidence upon which further successes are built.

How do you help a young child have such happy experiences and thus grow in their skills to speak? Their joy in doing depends on the wisdom of parents and teachers.

Give Assignments Early

No child can prepare a talk and give it well on a short notice. I believe that assignments to children should be given at least two weeks in advance and preferably a month. This allows parents and children ample time to select an appropriate subject, prepare visual aid material and become thoroughly familiar with the topic. Giving an assignment well in advance also lends importance to it and a child will sense

that what he is doing has meaning and status to the adults involved.

Assign Appropriate Topics

When you assign a talk be certain that the material is appropriate to each particular child. Consider the age level, sex and the interests of the child. Make sure that he has a thorough understanding of what he is asked to speak about. It is always wise to talk to parents about an assignment given to a young child. Solicit their help in deciding whether or not the subject is suitable and can be successfully prepared.

Provide Visual Aids

Visual aids such as flannel board figures, pictures, real objects that relate to a subject add interest to both speaker and his young audience. They serve to "spark" his memory and aid in keeping a story in logical sequence. A teacher should help parents select pictures of flannel board figures from the Junior Sunday School picture file as most parents do not have such material available at home.

Support and Encourage Parents

Make parents feel that you are willing to help when necessary. Give the support and encouragement they need to feel confident that their child will perform well. The child will sense this

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and thus lose some of his own anxiety.

Use Their Own Words

Allow children to retell a story or to develop a thought in their own words. Help them remember **ideas** rather than specific words. Encourage children to **tell** a talk rather than read it. Many children read well or badly talks that have been obviously written by a teacher or parent. Often the ideas have no real meaning to a child and it becomes a test of reading skill rather than a challenge of communication. A good adult speaker may have notes to guide him, but it is the exceptional **reader** that can hold the attention of an audience. This is the time to help young people acquire the ability to think on their feet. This skill, when fully developed, can bring success and satisfaction in many areas of endeavor.

Help Children Feel Successful

Always thank a child for his talk. Compliment him on specific parts of the talk that you felt were particularly good. Tell him how clearly he spoke and how well you could hear and understand. Refer to the skill in which he handled the visual aids and how much all the children enjoyed them. In doing this you are re-enforcing those qualities that you feel are important and necessary to public speaking. A child will make even greater effort to do well the next time in the same way.

Help children to enjoy public speaking. They will enjoy it when they are successful in doing it. They will be successful when parents and teachers are willing to give them the time, thought and support that makes success in young children inevitable.



Stairway To The Stars

Barry Lucas, Croydon Branch, British Mission

★ What do I need to mount the stairway to the stars? Brains, Energy, Know-how. These things are certainly desirable, but they will carry me only so far. The real magic characteristic is integrity. What is integrity? Basically the word means wholeness. In mathematics, an integer is a number that cannot be divided into fractions. In the same way, a man of integrity cannot be divided against himself. He does not do one thing and believe another. He is not in conflict with his own principles.

It is the absence of inner welfare that gives a man the extra energy and clarity of thought that make achievement inevitable. I am young and have a full life ahead of me, but unless I utilise my time, talents and energy, I will remain at the bottom of the stairway instead of progressing to the top.

Years ago, a writer lost a fortune in bad investments and went bankrupt. His intention was to pay off every penny he owed. Three years later he was still in debt. A newspaper organised a fund to help him. Many famous people contributed. Accepting the money would have meant the end of a tiresome burden, but Mark Twain refused. Seven months later with his new book a success, he paid off every penny.

As I steadily mount the next rung, I must gain a sense of honour, not just honesty, mind you—honour.

I must have a conscience and listen to it. Martin Luther, facing his enemies in the city where his death had been decreed said "It is neither safe nor prudent to do aught against conscience, here I stand, so help me God, I cannot do otherwise."

I must have the courage of my convictions. I must speak out to what I know is wrong. In the operating theatre of a famous hospital, a young nurse had her first full day of responsibility. "You've removed eleven sponges," she said to the surgeon. "We used twelve." "I've removed them all," said the surgeon. "We'll close the incision now." "No!" the nurse blazed. "Think of the patient." "I'll take the responsibility," said the surgeon, grimly. "Suture." "No!" the nurse replied. The doctor smiled, lifted his foot and showed the nurse the twelfth sponge. "You'll do," he said. He had been testing her for integrity and she had it.

In a way, this is the heart of it. No one can force you to live up to the best in yourself. No one can compel you to get involved. No one can make you obey your conscience. A person of integrity does these things.

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During the war when allied armies were slashing across France, a colonel and his jeep driver took a wrong turn and ran into an oncoming German armoured column. Both men jumped out and took cover, the sergeant in some roadside bushes, the colonel in a culvert under the road. The Germans spotted the sergeant and advanced on him, firing. The colonel could easily have remained undetected. He chose instead, to come out fighting, one pistol against tanks and machine guns. He was killed. The sergeant, taken prisoner, told the story later. Why did the colonel do it? Because his concept of duty, though unenforceable, was stronger than his regard for his own safety. Difficult? Yes. That is why true integrity is rare and admired. But in terms of ultimate reward, it's worth all the effort.

I must have an unshakeable single-mindedness of purpose, a tenacity that refuses to give up. "Never give in!" said Winston Churchill. "Never, Never, Never, Never. In nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense." He never did.

Abraham Lincoln was once warned by his friends not to make a certain speech while campaigning for the United States Senate in 1858. He replied, "If it is decreed that I should go down because of this speech, then let me go down linked to the truth." Lincoln did go down, but two years later he became President.

There are many other benefits that integrity brings a person: friendship, trust, admiration, respect. To finally reach the top of the stairway, I must be totally honest, not to tell that small lie when it is inconvenient to tell the truth; not repeating that juicy bit of gossip when it might be untrue and not to charge that personal phone call to the office. These disciplines may sound small but anything worth having has an integrity of its own that must not be violated.

A fool-proof formula for success? Yes. It is fool-proof because regardless of fame, money, power or any of the conventional yardsticks, if you have integrity, you **are** a success.

New Year Thought

★ Perhaps our most important New Year's thought is that of raising our own sights and motivating our own ambitions. Certainly each new year should be greater than the one preceding it. From this particular New Year just now being born, should come our greatest challenges and our most thrilling opportunities.

God has granted us that inestimable opportunity of always doing our best under every circumstance. What a tremendous privilege it is to be free, to work, to win, to love, to laugh, and to live interestingly and successfully.

— Sterling W. Sill

Temple: Golden Age Programme

★ NOW that the TEMPLE is OPEN on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and on TUESDAYS as per programme, we are introducing our
GOLDEN AGE PROGRAMME

We invite those of our brethren and sisters who have reached pensionable age to spend an enjoyable holiday at the Temple. We realise that this will involve considerable expense and are therefore prepared to pay an endowment allowance as follows:

Mar/Oct 4/- Nov/Feb 5/- for all Missions and Stakes plus a bonus of 17/6d. for each fourteen endowments performed

Based on accommodation rental at Edenbrook of £2 15 0d. per person per week and taking into account the cost of clothes hire and meals at the Temple, if your stay is of four weeks duration, then all expenses, including travel expenses will be met from the allowance.

The following example may be of help to you when planning for your Golden Age holiday:—

4 weeks accommodation at £2 15 0d. per week	11	0	0
4 weeks clothes rental at 2/6d. per week		10	0
4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3	0	0
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Total	14	10	0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—

	56 at say 4/- per session	11	4	0
Bonus	— 4 at 17/6		3	10 0
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	Total	14	14	0

We are also prepared to make the following travelling allowance based on a minimum of 14 endowments per week for a maximum of 4 weeks:—

Up to	50 miles from Temple	7/6 per week
" 100	" "	14/- "
" 150	" "	20/- "
" 200	" "	25/- "
" 250	" "	30/- "
" 300	" "	35/- "
" 350	" "	40/- "
" 400	" "	45/- "
Over 400	" "	50/- "

If you need any further help at all please write to the Temple Presidency or ring LINGFIELD 2759.

DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

The Responsibility of A Teacher

★ I ask you to think of the effect upon society, if every worthy teacher, every one, will succeed in influencing only one other to love, to have that same purity of life, and that same desire to serve his fellowmen as he has!

I once observed a young girl in her teens put forth a special effort to speak to the little boy who was by my side. I could see that she wanted to recognize that boy, and that he was glad when he saw her to return her salutation. After we passed her I said, "Who is she?"

"She is my teacher," he answered.

"What is her name?"

"I don't know what her name is, but oh, she is a dandy!"

He used an incorrect word, but the significance he gave to the word I knew, and the expression on his face I read, and in my heart I thanked the young girl for the influence she had over that boy. Only in her teens, but what that girl will say to him in his class he will accept as Gospel truth; what she does in her life he will emulate; and that young girl (with untold tens of thousands of other teachers) carries the responsibility, in a measure, of molding that boy's character.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR

by Susan Murrey, Wirral Branch North British Mission.

A gentle voice oft said to me,
I'll guide you o'er life's troubled sea
But I preferred to roam at ease
And do the very things I pleased

Then out among the common herd
For pitfalls I was unprepared
I thought sweet liberty I'd found
Instead my wayward heart was bound

Now I'm old and nigh heart broken
God points again his great Love Token
And when I reach the other shore
What greater joy could I wish more

To know that when I re-awaken
By loved ones I am not forsaken
The prodigal has this tale to tell
He heard the whisper 'All is well'

The Sacrament

by

Elder Delbert L. Stapley

of the Council of the Twelve

★ From the days of Adam two sacred ordinances have been instituted by the Lord to keep His people in remembrance of the Christ, the debt He was to pay and the debt He did pay to redeem men from the effects of the fall. The first ordinance is that of sacrifice. The second ordinance is the sacrament, instituted by the Christ to His disciples in connection with the last supper the night before He gave His life on Calvary.

We understand the sacrament is defined as meaning a sacred binding oath of allegiance, to obey one's leader, and to not desert his standard. Our leader is Christ, His standard is the Gospel. I think it would be well for us to always remember this definition because it is meaningful. The sacrament becomes more significant as we partake of the emblems and remember the suffering and death of the Christ to redeem us from the effects of the fall.

The Apostle Paul recounts the insti-

tution of the sacrament by the Lord in his epistle to the Corinthian saints and emphasises its purpose, pledge and importance in these words: "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner He took the cup and when he had supped, stated, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (1 Cor. 11:24-26.) That indicates to us that the Lord will come again and the sacrament is a continuing ordinance in the Gospel plan until the Lord does come.

The Saviour instituted the ordinance of the sacrament the very night of His betrayal, just before His life was taken upon the cross. Up to this time, He had daily been with His disciples, teaching and instructing them, performing miracles and giving evidence of this Messiahship which kept them in



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of the temple stated: "What a strength Thursday meetings in the upper room there would be in this Church if next Sunday every member who partook of the sacrament would sense the significance of the covenant made in that ordinance. Every member willing to take upon him the name of the Son, a true Christian, proud of it, and always remember Him in Church, in business, in society, always remember Him and keep His commandments that He has given them. How comprehensive that blessing and how significant the covenant we make each Sabbath day."

Now there are five very important points to the sacramental prayer. I am sure you know them, but I would like to refresh your memory. First, we partake of the sacrament in remembrance of the broken body and the spilt blood of Christ; second, we witness unto the Father that we will take upon ourselves the name of His Son; third, we pledge to always remember Him; fourth, we covenant to keep the commandments which the Lord has given us. And fifth, we have the promise that if we do these things, and it is assumed worthily, that we shall always have His spirit to be with us.

When the Lord loved us enough to die for us, we should be willing to show our love for Him by serving Him and keeping all of His commandments. The Lord said to the Nephites when He introduced to them the sacrament: "That whosoever breaketh this commandment suffereth himself to be led into temptation." In the Apostle Paul's message to the Corinthian saints he admonished, whosoever unworthily partook of the sacrament was the cause "many are weak and sickly

remembrance of Him. Now that He was about to depart from them, this choice association of the disciples with Him and the subsequent visits of the resurrected Lord made them true and faithful witnesses of His ministry, death, and resurrection. As the Church continued it was necessary to accept Christ's ministry, mission, sonship, and resurrection on the basis of faith; therefore, an ordinance pointing to his great sacrifice and its importance to mankind was necessary to keep His followers in remembrance of Him, the far-reaching saving effects of His atonement, and the blessings to humanity resulting from fulfilling His appointed sacrifice.

This ordinance of the sacrament was reaffirmed in our day; the Lord instructed in these words: "It is expedient that the Church meet together often to partake of bread and wine in the remembrance of the Lord Jesus." (D. & C. 20:75.)

President David O. McKay speaking to the twelve in one of the regular

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among you, and many sleep." This counsel indicates the importance of worthily partaking of the sacrament, to keep sacred our covenants with the Lord.

Also when partaking we renew our covenants and pledge to our Heavenly Father that we will keep His commandments and that we will faithfully serve Him. And now another choice statement by President McKay to the Council of the Twelve in the upper room of the Salt Lake Temple. He was discussing the ordinances of the House of the Lord and said: "When God becomes the centre of our lives, we lose self. We covenant to forget self. How perfectly," said President McKay, "our Lord and Saviour sets the example. He truly sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. He lived in the spirit; He lived for the spirit. He did not seek to perpetuate His physical life, but He sought to develop His spirit — living for others with God as the centre, and thus He saved His life—perpetuated it eternally, the only perfect man whoever walked the earth, the one who broke the bonds of death and brought eternal life."

And then this very significant counsel to the youth of the Church: "If we could get that thought over to our young people when temptation comes to them, it would be sufficient to preserve them from the temptation. In-

stead of thinking of themselves in the hour of temptation, if they would just forget self and think of mother and father, of the good name of the family and just lose themselves a moment for somebody else, they would have power to resist temptation.

"The same thing," said President McKay, "in business, the same thing in politics; if we could just make God the centre of our lives in thinking of His children, of those with whom we deal, we would have sufficient strength to overcome our weaknesses. This," said President McKay, "is just one phase of the covenant we have renewed this morning losing self for the good of others. Build bodies of men, groups of men, organisations of men in the world. That is our duty as representatives of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added."

Then President McKay concluded by saying: "May the Lord give us power so to do." I pray that the Lord will also give us power so to do and that we when partaking of sacramental emblems will remember and pledge ourselves to keep the covenants entered into with our God.

Study The Bible

By

Elder Alma Sonne

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★ Like many of you, I believe in the Bible. It is the word of God. It is reliable and trustworthy. It contains the wisdom of the ages and is the source of all that is best in our modern life. It is an outline of history covering a period about which people generally are not well informed. From the standpoint of literature it ranks among the best, and I have found that among many writers and public speakers are those who are indebted to the Holy Bible for the effectiveness and renown of their literary production.

I often think of Abraham Lincoln's appraisal of the Bible and his acknowledgment of its value. It was not an offhand opinion given by him of this sacred volume. Lincoln was qualified to

speak on this subject. He said, "This great book ... is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Saviour gave to the world was communicated through that book. But for it we should not know right from wrong. It seems to me that nothing short of infinite wisdom could by any possibility have devised this excellent and perfect moral code." (August 1864.)

Lincoln's quotations from the Old and New Testaments are numerous. These quotations appear not only in his speeches but also in his private correspondence. In his second inaugural address, which is noted for its eloquence and its masterful presentation, scriptural quotations abound, and the

name of Deity is frequently used, and religious sentiment runs through the entire speech. President Lincoln, as you know, was a religious man without any church affiliation. He was often on his knees in prayer. Passages like the following were used by him:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matt. 7:1.)

"Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Ibid., 18:7.)

"... the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." (Psalm 19:9.)

Lincoln appeared to have unlimited confidence in scriptural teachings. He used them in private correspondence and in his daily conversations. In one of his letters he quotes from the third chapter and the 19th verse of Genesis: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, ..." In the same letter he quotes the golden rule and alludes to the temptations of Jesus. When asked to repeat his stand on a certain matter, he refused by quoting from the 16th chapter of Luke: "... If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Verse 31.)

There can be no question about Lincoln's familiarity with the Bible, or that he read it frequently, and that he memorised large portions of it. His greatest speeches, like his farewell talk on leaving Springfield, his second inaugural, and his masterful oration at Gettysburg, furnish irrefutable evidence of the debt he owes the English Bible. Most people will agree that from the standpoint of greatness and wise statesmanship Lincoln tops the list.

I refer to this great American because I believe he is a product of the

truths contained in the Holy Bible. These truths were part of him. They entered into his decisions, his philosophy, his contacts with his fellow men, his literary style, and his success as a leader of the nation. And so I urge the reading of the Bible. It is a powerful book and contains treasures of truth which are vital to man's development. It is a strong testimony of the existence of God and the divine mission of Jesus Christ.

May I suggest that you turn to the book itself instead of reading the commentaries of scholars and pretenders of religion. The latter will not satisfy, for the things of God are understood by the Spirit of God. But the Bible should be read searchingly as admonished by Jesus. It is and has been a source of comfort and strength in times of sorrow and disappointment. Its pages are filled with quotable passages concerning the conduct of man and his spiritual and moral well-being.

The influence of the Bible reaches into the laws and the governments of nations, into the art, literature, and folklore of races and communities. No book has wielded a wider influence.

I need not tell you that there is a peculiar sanctity and force about its words. In it are the messages of mighty prophets who "... spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:21.) History has proved that the Bible has altered the lives of men and nations. It has touched deeply the heart of humanity. Public men who have attained to eminence in our own country have been equipped with a knowledge of its contents. It is a converter of souls to a better life, to a belief in God and a wholesome respect for His laws and commandments.

Lift Up Your Eyes

By
Elder Sterling W. Sill
Assistant
to the Twelve



★ The Lord's reason for brining us to these valleys in the first place was not primarily to establish us in a condition of wealth and ease. We were brought here to build up the kingdom, to send out the message of the restoration to the nations, and to prepare the world for the glorious second coming of Christ. In these fields we must excel.

What a sobering responsibility it is

to be entrusted with the message of universal salvation. But with the advantage in knowledge that we have received from our three great volumes of new scripture, supported by our own personal testimonies of the truth, what reason can we possibly give if we do not excel in faith and in education and in Godliness and in honour and in the personal preparation we make for eternal life?

Jesus once explained one source of His strength when he said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (John 4:34.) Doing God's will is also our greatest possible source of strength. To encourage His disciples to follow Him in doing the Father's will, Jesus spoke some lines that I would like to use as a text. He said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (Ibid., 4:35.)

Certainly our day is a most urgent time to re-echo that theme. We should lift up our eyes to see our duty and to understand our opportunities; to accept our responsibilities and to put truth in force in our lives. We should lift up our eyes to worship God and to serve our fellow men as the Lord has commanded.

We are, of course, all aware that there are other powerful influences in the world inviting us to look down to the earth. From the pinnacle of the temple, Satan said to Jesus, "Cast thyself down." Satan has been giving that same direction ever since with the most terrifying success. And the first step toward any failure is always merely to look down, to let earthly things absorb our interests. It is pretty difficult to look down and to look up at the same time.

It has been said that one may not always look where he is going, but will always go where he is looking. If we merely look down enough, many will be sure to fall.

Back in the days of the old sailing ships, a young, inexperienced seaman was sent aloft in a storm to disentangle a broken rigging from the mainmast. Despite the raging winds he climbed up quickly, and soon his mission was accomplished. But as he started to descend, he looked down, and as he looked

down, he became dizzy and frightened. He saw the angry, rolling sea. He felt the quiver of the trembling ship as it was tossed about by the waves. Then he became aware that his grip was weakening, and he cried to those on the deck below that he was about to fall. The captain shouted to him to stop looking down, and heeding his superior's command, he turned his eyes upward and soon regained his balance and self-confidence. Then he was able to make his way safely back to the deck.

The moral dizziness that always comes from looking down is one of our biggest personal problems. It is one of the significant characteristics of our day that as a people we are too much occupied with the things down. The newspapers, magazines, and our own inclinations center our attention on sin, crime, war, and material advantage. Then we get dizzy and confused, and our lives tend to lose their balance.

Here we have the communist example of where leaders of great nations have stopped looking up, and soon they have cast themselves down by centering their life's purposes in evil, including one of the greatest sins which is their attempted enslavement of other nations. When nations or individuals look down and recognize no higher authority than their own, they soon lose their sense of right and wrong. The communist leaders have deliberately destroyed many of their own people, and they would, if they thought they could, deprive every human being in the world of his God-given free agency without a moment's hesitation. They have closed up their churches by governmental decree and now make no pretense of lifting up their eyes, their thoughts, or their activities to God.

At Fulton, Missouri, on March 5, 1946,

Winston Churchill said, "A shadow has fallen across the scene so recently lighted by Allied victory. From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent." The communists have erected a vertical curtain, separating themselves from their fellow men and are thereby violating the second great commandment. But they have also erected a horizontal curtain over their heads, separating themselves from God, and are thereby violating the first and greatest commandment.

But we sometimes accomplish about the same thing individually by allowing the iron curtains of our material interest, our social affairs, and our spiritual indifference to separate us from God and draw our attention away from the main purpose of our lives. It doesn't take very long looking down before we are incapable of doing anything else.

In his *Inferno* Dante gave an account of an imaginary trip through hell. And one of hell's inmates said to him, "As our eyes intent on earthly things were never lifted up to heaven, so now doth justice fix them down upon the ground. And even as greed destroyed our love for good whereby the labors of our lives were lost, so now doth justice hold us captive here, fettered in close restraint."

We might see a reflection of our situation in John Bunyon's *Pilgrim's Progress* story of the man with the muckrake. Because this man spent his life raking unto himself the chaff and dust of the earth, he had trained himself to look in no direction but down. There was an angel standing over his head with a celestial crown in his hand, offering to exchange the crown for the muckrake. But because this man could look in no direction but down, he disregarded the offer of the angel as he

continued to rake unto himself the chaff and muck of the earth.

We always begin this downward process as soon as we separate ourselves from God in any degree. The first and greatest commandment has to do with our first and greatest need, which is for God. That is, God created us, He gives us life and breath, He enlightens our minds and quickens our understandings. At this very moment God is sending us energy, food, and vitality from the sun. We do not live on an independent earth. If the sun's rays were turned off for just a few hours, there would be no life left upon this earth. And when men turn their backs on God and obey no higher law than their own, then truth, honor, and fairness lose their meaning. The angel's song of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is an unintelligible concept to communist philosophy. Their wisest strategy and the point of their greatest excellence is to cause confusion, hatred, and strife among their fellow men. Mr. Mao, the communist dictator in China, recently said that he would welcome an atomic war, and we have every reason to believe that he was being entirely truthful in his declaration.

But as the captain in the storm called to the inexperienced seaman to look up, so the captain of our salvation is calling through the storms of our troubled lives saying that if we would avoid falling, we must look up to God.

We sing a song in which we say: "Look up, my soul, be not cast down, Cast not thine eyes upon the ground. Break off the shackles of the earth, Receive, my soul, a spirit's birth."

We are not likely to receive the spirit's birth while we are competing with each other in evil. We are born again only when we follow the direction

given to our lives by the temple spires and look up to our Heavenly Father. We need to trade in our muckrakes. There is an angel over our heads offering us the celestial kingdom if we will lift up our eyes and our hearts and our voices and our souls unto God. We

need to remember the purpose of our lives and give a more enthusiastic response to the Master's invitation so appropriate to our day, wherein He had said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35.)

How Do I Feel Today

How do I feel now that I know the truth?
How do I feel today?
There's a smile on my face, and a glow in my heart,
What makes me feel this way?

I have found what I sought, I've found the true road,
My Father has shown me the way,
Through prophets in my time, He's given a guide,
It's no wonder I'm happy today.

How do I feel, the spirit to have
and the knowledge there is a true God,
How do I feel when I pray?
I am shining with joy, and I'm filled up with love,
There's a feeling of good I convey.

How much I pity the sad and confused, and the one's who can't find the way,
If all knew the truth and if all heard the word,
I'd be three times as happy today.

If I had the chance to travel the world,
to my brothers and sisters I'd say,
"Please listen to God and His true church today ,
And then you can all feel this way".

Sister Margaret Park,
East Kilbride Branch,
Scotland

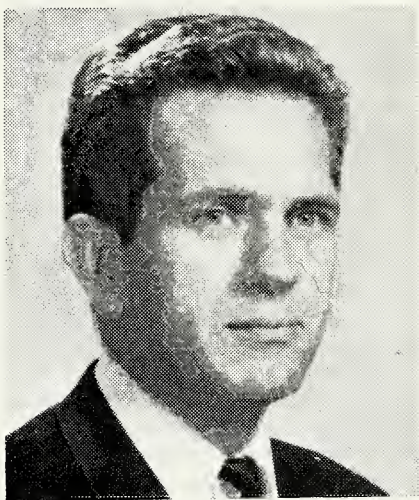
The Good Name

By

Elder Boyd K. Packer

Assistant to the Twelve

★ The late President George Albert Smith once lay critically ill. Those close to him despaired of his life. He later recorded: "One day, under these conditions, I lost consciousness of my surroundings and thought I had passed to the other side. I found myself standing with my back to a large beautiful lake, facing a great forest of trees. There was no one in sight, and there was no boat upon the lake or any other visible means to indicate how I might have arrived there. I realized, or seemed to realize, that I had finished my work in mortality and had gone home. I began to look around, to see if I could not find someone . . .



" . . . soon I found a trail through the woods which seemed to have been used very little, and which was almost obscured by grass. I followed this trail, and after I had walked for some time and had travelled a considerable distance through the forest, I saw a man coming toward me. I became aware that he was a very large man, and I hurried my steps to reach him, because I recognized him as my grandfather . . ." (I say parenthetically here that

his grandfather was George A. Smith, First Counselor to President Brigham Young.) President Smith continues: "I remember how happy I was to see him coming. I had been given his name and had always been proud of it.

"When grandfather came within a few feet of me, he stopped. His stopping was an invitation for me to stop. Then—and this I would like the . . .

people never to forget—he looked at me very earnestly and said:

“‘I would like to know what you have done with my name:

“Everything I had ever done passed before me as though it were a flying picture on a screen—everything I had done. Quickly this vivid retrospect came down to the very time I was standing there. My whole life had passed before me. I smiled and looked at my grandfather and said:

“‘I have never done anything with your name of which you need be ashamed.’

“He stepped forward and took me in his arms, and as he did so, I became conscious again of my earthly surroundings. My pillow was as wet as though water had been poured on it—wet with tears of gratitude that I could answer unashamed.”

This vision or dream of President Smith reminds each of us of the responsibility we bear with reference to the name that has been given us. We have taken upon ourselves the name of Christ and have entered into a covenant to remember Him always and to keep the commandments which He has given us, and in consequence of keeping the commandments there comes a promise that we shall have His Spirit to be with us.

Our measure will not depend on academic degrees or political preference or property or influence so much as simply how we lived at home. To be a worthy father is to be a faithful son. The formula for either is the same.

Where is your power? It is in the power of example. Where is your power to raise sons to do honour to your name. It is in the power of the priesthood.

Inspirational Message

by President N. Eldon Tanner

Second Counsellor in the First Presidency

★ Many argue that we cannot be honest and compete, that we cannot love our fellowmen as ourselves without their taking advantage of us, and that we cannot apply the principles of the gospel in dealing with other nations.

There are those, too, who claim that the gospel is old-fashioned; that men through scientific development are becoming more and more self-sufficient and need not rely on God. Others argue that the gospel is too restrictive, that it takes away our liberty, and that we cannot enjoy the advantages of a

broad education, accept scientific truths, and participate in worthwhile community activities.

This is just not true. We know that the Lord has given us the earth and all things therein for our use and for our benefit. We have been told to subdue the earth. As members of the Church we are encouraged to gain an education, to learn what we can, to prepare ourselves to take our places in the world and to contribute all we can to the good and welfare of mankind.

The Lord's Witness

By

Elder Bruce R. McConkie

of the First Council of the Seventy

★ Shortly before the Church was organized, April 6, 1830, writing by the spirit of prophecy and revelation, Joseph Smith said that the Book of Mormon, which he had translated by the gift and power of God, was "... a record of a fallen people, ..."; that it contained "... the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and to the Jews ..."; that it was "... given by inspiration, ..."; that it had been "... declared unto the world by them—" all for this purpose—and note the purpose: to prove "... to the world that the holy scriptures are true, and that God does inspire men and call them to His holy work in this age and generation, as well as in generations of old;

" Thereby showing that he is the same God yesterday, today, and forever ... " (D&C 20: 6-12.)

In other words, the Lord has given the Book of Mormon in this day as the absolute, sure, positive witness of the divinity of His work. We go out in the missionary cause, and we bear testimony in soberness and in truth, knowing the verity of what we say, that the

heavens have been opened and that God has spoken again; that angels have ministered to men: that the gifts, powers and graces had anciently have been restored anew; that the Gospel and the plan of salvation are again on earth in all their ancient beauty and glory.

But this witness which we bear is not left to stand alone. The Lord sends with us a written record, a means, a missionary tool, which can be used by any person to gain a knowledge of the divinity of the work. The Prophet's expression that "the Book of Mormon is the keystone of our religion" means precisely what it says. The keystone is the central stone in the top of the arch. If that stone is removed, then the arch crumbles, which, in effect, means that Mormonism so-called—which actually is the Gospel of Christ, restored anew in this day—stands or falls with the truth or the falsity of the Book of Mormon. Thus our programme and our purpose, as witnesses of the Lord in this day, ought to be to devise ways and means and to create inducements that will persuade those who are not of

us to read the Book of Mormon and to read it according to the revealed pattern.

Moroni has left us in the Book of Mormon itself the recorded promise that if anyone will read it "... with real intent, having faith in Christ, ..." and will ask "... God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, ..." whether it is true, he shall get a knowledge of its truth and divinity by personal revelation. (See Moroni 10: 3-4:) This promise is true. It has been tested by thousands and tens of thousands of people in the world, and they have received this personal revelation. Further, by His own voice, the Lord Himself testifies of the truth of the Book of Mormon in these words: "... as your Lord and your God liveth it is true:" (D&C 17:6.)

Now, our message to the world centers around three great truths. The first, the divine Sonship of Christ; the second, that in this day the knowledge of Christ and His saving truths have been restored through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith; and the third, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the kingdom of God on earth, the organization through which salvation, hope, and peace are offered to all men.

Before any person is prepared to join the Church, he must believe that Jesus Christ is literally the Son of God; that as such He worked out the infinite and eternal atonement whereby all men are raised in immortality, and those who believe and obey His laws gain the additional reward of eternal life; and that He has ordained and revealed a plan of salvation which enables men so to live as to gain peace here and the fullness of salvation hereafter.

Before joining the Church a person must believe that Joseph Smith was



called of God to open this Gospel dispensation; that he was indeed a prophet who received keys, powers, authority, and revelation from heaven; that he was the revealer of the Gospel and the knowledge of God, of Christ, and of salvation for this age; and that he was commanded by Deity to set up His Church and kingdom again on earth.

Before baptism a person must believe that this Church is true; that it is in fact the Lord's earthly kingdom; that the priesthood and keys are here; that those who now officer it are legal administrators sent of God to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

The Book of Mormon—which has come forth to prove that God inspires men and calls them to His holy work in this age and generation—establishes the verity of these great truths which comprise the message of the restoration. If the book of Mormon is true, our message to the world is truth; the truth of this message is established in and through this book.

The Book of Mormon is a new, living, modern witness of the divine Sonship of Christ. It testifies of Him and of the doctrines of His Gospel. It teaches of His atoning sacrifice; it proclaims that through Him men are redeemed from the spiritual and temporal death brought into the world by the fall of Adam. It outlines the course men must follow to gain eternal life.

The Book of Mormon stands as a witness of the divine Sonship of Christ; it has come forth for "... the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that **Jesus** is the **Christ**, the **Eternal God**, manifesting himself unto all nations—."

(Preface to the Book of Mormon.)

This book also is a witness of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of the divinity of the Church set up under his instrumentality. It establishes and proves to the world that Joseph Smith is a prophet, for he received the book from a resurrected personage and translated it by the gift and power of God. And since the Book of Mormon came by revelation, which included the ministering of angels, then

Elder McConkie

obviously Joseph Smith also received other revelations and was ministered to by other heavenly beings. Among those revelations was the command to organize the Church. The Church is thus the one true Church because it was set up by a prophet acting under command of God. Thus the truth of the message of the restoration is established in and through and by means of the Book of Mormon.

No person can read this book, according to the prescribed pattern, and not know that it is true. No person can read this book, in the way Moroni directed, without getting in his heart the absolute, certain, sure knowledge that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. No person can read this book and learn of its divinity "... by the power of the Holy Ghost ..." (Moroni 10:5), without knowing that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God and that this Church, as now constituted, organized, and set up is God's kingdom on earth.

Missionary Work Aided By Special Programme

★ The Glasgow Stake Mission held a special missionary programme in the McLellan Art Galleries Dec. 3.

The meeting was designed to explain the teachings of the Church to the citizens of Glasgow.

Sister Catherine McDonald, Sister Jean McLaren, Pres. Arther Herbertson and Bro. Victor Thomson were the speakers. Music was presented by the

stake Singing Mothers conducted by Catherine Richardson and accompanied by Anna Harvey.

Three hundred persons attended. The missionaries gained many contacts. The support of the full time missionaries and the fine work of Elder Langland was very much appreciated by the stake.

Stake Pres. A. R. Richardson conducted the meeting.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

by

Bishop Robert L. Simpson

of the Presiding Bishopric



★All boys seem to have a favorite game. They play it most of the time without even realizing it. It is called "Follow the Leader" and, dads, whether we like it or not, this is the way it is. So maybe we had better decide right here and now to lead right. Can we constantly break promises and teach our sons integrity? Speak an occasional falsehood and expect undeviating truth from them?

When was the last time you found your son looking up at you with that look of complete admiration and confidence? To them, dad is perfection, and we should do nothing to betray the trust and faith that is theirs in us.

We now find ourselves in a great age of acceleration, a turn to the left or right, however slight, can be of great consequence. Surely a five degree deviation travelling down the road behind old dobbin was not a serious miscalculation, and there was plenty of time to pull the reins and set things right. Travelling down the modern highway of life calls for strict attention to detail, for a slight deviation of our course can spell disaster in the fraction of a second. Ours is the most volatile age in the history of the world. How important it is that we train well to follow the white line, to hold fast to the iron rod.

Our sons are sent to us from our Heavenly Father's presence as free agents to be taught and persuaded—yes; to be forced and driven like cattle—never! It was established even before the foundations of the earth what the pattern should be. In that great council attended by you and me along with the hosts of heaven, we are told that Satan's plan of force and dictatorship power was rejected. Instead a plan of freedom and personal choice was decided upon, and so it must be in all our human relationships. We have often heard, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

No, dads, let's face it. The methods of compulsion and dictatorship are not compatible with the Lord's plan, but rather kindly persuasion through love and patience as expressed by the poet: "Know this, that every soul is free, To choose his life and what he'll be; For this eternal truth is given That God will force no man to heaven."

—William C. Gregg

Weddings



Sybil Chick and Antony Dockrill after their wedding at the Reading Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Pres. K. Wigglesworth.

★ June Fountain of the East Hull Branch, North British Mission, was married on Oct. 21st to John Joseph of Coventry Ward, Leicester Stake. The couple first met on one of the M.I.A. Leadership Training Courses.

★ On Oct. 21st the wedding took place at South London Chapel of Hilda Mair and Barry Grant, who are both members of the Mitcham Branch.

★ On Oct. 28th Doreen Stevens of Sunderland Ward was married to James S. Laurie of the Hartlepool Ward. Bishop J. Laurie, father of the groom, performed



Rosalind Miller and Alan Carter, who were married Sept. 2, 1967, at South London Ward Chapel and then at the London Temple, Lingfield.

ENGAGEMENT

★ Dorreen M. Mills, Eccles Branch, Preston District to Leon Abbott, Southport, Liverpool District. Wedding will take place at the Wythenshawe Chapel, Manchester Stake, on the 23rd of March, 1968, followed by temple sealing.

the ceremony in the Sunderland Stake House. After the reception in the Cultural hall, the couple left for their new home and journeyed to the Temple the following day.



Hilda Mair and Barry Grant of Mitcham, leaving the South London Ward Chapel following their marriage.

★ The first week of November was probably the most exciting in the life of Marilyn Waldron who lives in Redcar. On Nov. 2nd she celebrated her 21st birthday, and on the 3rd she was baptized a member of the Church at Middlesborough Ward Chapel, thus fulfilling a four year dream. On Saturday Nov. 4th, she was married to John Roberts of the Redcar Branch, at the Middlesborough Chapel. President Alan Brown of Redcar Branch performed the

ceremony. The bride wore a full length dress of white lace, with a train of white lace frills. Her veil was also of lace. She carried a bouquet of red roses and specially imported Dutch white lilies. The bridesmaids also wore dresses of white lace and carried bouquets of red carnations.

★ Selvoy J. Boyer, former British Mission President, and President of the London Temple from 1958 to 1963 was married on Nov. 22nd to Agnes McKay, a relative of President David O. McKay. Although they have known each other for two years their first date wasn't until Sept. 29th when they went to hear the Manchester Mormon Choir. They became engaged on Oct. 6th. Through the medium of the "Star" we send heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness on behalf of all who knew him.

BIRTHS

Oct. — To William and Christine Gardner of Hartlepool Ward Sunderland Stake a son Sean.

Oct. 14. — To Brother and Sister Ronald Gibbons of Northampton Branch Central British Mission, a daughter, Catherine Alison.

Nov. 1. — To John and Phillipa Davis of Wellington Branch Central British Mission, a daughter Caroline Jane.

Nov. 23. — To Derek and Muriel Cuthbert, Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a son, Paul Nathan.

Nov. 14. — To G. Farrell and Dorothea Young, Huntingdon Branch, Central British Mission, a son.

OBITUARIES

★ Florence M. France of Sunderland Ward passed away on Oct. 19th. Converted to the Gospel when she was 23 years old, she spent the rest of her life in devoted service to the Church and particularly Relief Society.

★ Ellen Beatrice Dockrill, aged 46 years, of the Reading Branch, passed away after a long illness on Oct. 26th.

Sister Dockrill had suffered from a serious heart condition for some years, but attended Sunday School, Sacrament meetings and Relief Society meetings whenever possible. She was one of the first members of the Reading Branch, and her wonderful testimony of the Gospel, and sweet spirit were an inspiration to all who knew her. The funeral service was conducted by Reading Branch President, K. Wigglesworth, and was attended by many members and friends.

★ Nov. 3rd Mark Wills aged one year, after much illness. The foster son of Brother and Sister Rowlands of Northampton branch, who had cared for him from the age of 4 months and were negotiating for adoption.

★ Myrtle S. Robertson, of North Shields Ward, died suddenly on Nov. 4th, aged 55 years. It came as a great shock to all who knew this vigorous energetic sister whose devotion and testimony will never be forgotten. Everyone admired her tenacity in attending her Church meetings, distance, time, weather and expense never discouraged her and she always managed a smile, even though her legs were frequently a source of severe pain.

Being born into the Church she had numerous opportunities to develop her many talents, which made her very

valuable to those around her. She loved to talk about the Church with whoever she came into contact, a habit which served her well on her full time mission during World War II. Her interesting and detailed lesson in Sunday School and Relief Society were punctuated with perky quips from her rich and varied experiences.

A fine spontaneous speaker, she served faithfully in many positions both in London and in the North, but friends will always recall her wonderful ability as chorister and the vibrant, strong and clear singing voice she controlled and projected at will to guide and assist her choirs in their various parts. It was a pleasure to be in her choir and to see and to feel her at work, to be directed by someone with enthusiasm and fire, who demanded your best and gave freely of her best.

Her funeral service was held on Nov: 8th, in the Newcastle Chapel, and was attended by over 200 members of the Sunderland Stake. One of her favourite hymns "I know that My Redeemer Lives" was sung by fifty Singing Mothers. James R. Cunningham and Stake President F. W. Oates paid tribute to this fine sister whose steadfastness and buoyant testimony will always linger in our minds.

★ On Nov. 9th Thomas William Garton of Tamworth died, aged 73 years. He was born at Hucknall and was baptised into the Church in 1902 at Nottingham. President Barlow of the Lichfield Branch conducted the funeral service on Nov. 14th.

★ Florence Kelly died on Sept. 19th aged 84 years. The funeral took place at the Dukinufield Crematorium on the 25th. The service was conducted by Elders Eades, Unsworth and Tippet. Sister Kelly had been a faithful member of the Hyde Ward, Manchester Stake.

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The Schreiner Family Makes Musical News

★ Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist of Salt Lake City, is not the only member of his family making interesting news these days. He has been in Great Britain several weeks now playing various concerts with much success and happiness.

This week in London he and Sister Schreiner told how their daughter, Julianne, has been accepted by the Paris Conservatory, probably the first Mormon to be so recognized, "which means a year's scholarship from the French government" he said. She has been a senior student at Stanford University, in California.

Dr. Schreiner noted she was one of three persons to receive unanimous voting of the seven judges. Miss Schreiner is a violinist.

Dr. Schreiner had just returned from Liverpool where the City of Liverpool engaged him for a concert in the palatial St. George's Hall.

"What pleased me most," he said,

"over and above the enthusiastic reception given me, was that both in the placards posted on the streets of Liverpool and also on the programme, I was clearly billed as being from the Mormon Tabernacle. This could be the first time this has ever happened in Liverpool and sponsored by the city of Liverpool."

He was similarly treated during his engagement in the city of Birmingham where the concert took place in the old, but still very splendid City Hall auditorium where over a hundred years ago Felix Mendelssohn played the organ.

Dr. Schreiner was well pleased with the large crowd which gathered in Hyde Park Chapel with members bringing non-members as their price of admission. Dr. Schreiner announced he was "both ready, willing and able" to baptize and did baptize two persons into the Church.

He and Sister Schreiner are now on the continent travelling as far south as Rome and into all European countries for a series of concerts.

With Trust In God

By Loye Wright

"... in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." (Ps. 56:4.)

★ What were you doing on the afternoon of June 10, 1963? Probably you don't remember. But Ron Clark does. In fact, he will never forget. He was lying pinned beneath a two-ton cattle truck at the bottom of a desert wash. beside him were several of his best friends—dead. Around him was the bloody disaster that resulted when the big truck crashed backwards off a cliff, bearing the precious burden of 45 people. Now 12 of those 45 were dead. Twenty more were injured. Ron himself was trapped near the front of the heavy vehicle where the greatest weight was. His jaw had been severely knocked out of joint when the truck went over, and his left leg was crushed under the truck.

As soon as he could pull his arms and his right leg free, Ron set his jaw himself as best he could amid all the crying and screaming of the hurt pass-engers. The unhurt MIA superintendent who had been accompanying the group of Scouts, for whom this trip was to have been a super activity, was making the rounds, checking the extent of the

damage. When he reached Ron he asked him how badly he was hurt. The young man tipped his head back.

"Charlie," his voice trembled, "I've lost my leg." He couldn't feel a bit of life in his left leg, and terrible visions of the future raced through his mind. But despite the pain and worry, it was Ron who kept telling the others, "It's all right. They're going to get us out of here."

Ron was the last one pulled from the wreckage. Soon after he was taken to the Panguitch Hospital, his family arrived from Provo.

"I'm all right, Mother," he had said.

This 16-year-old Explorer showed remarkable courage. And a few days later he was called upon to show perhaps even greater valor.

He was sent home, where he had to be fed through a straw because he could not move his badly swollen jaw. He could hardly speak. He couldn't sing. For Ron that was very serious. All during his life he had brought a great deal of beauty and pleasure into the lives of those who had heard his incomparable voice. When he was only 12 years old, he sang his way into the hearts of those at general conference who heard

A True Story

his lovely renditions of "Listen, Dear Teacher" and "When He Comes Again." Only a year ago he had sung in a chorus at stake conference. His friends had sung with him then—the same ones who helped plan the trip to Southern Utah.

He remembered how happy they all had been: Randy Miller, Lynn Merrell, Gary Christensen, Gary Rasmussen, Joe Erickson, and Gordon Grow—all good friends. Those were happy days. Ahead of him now was Gordon's funeral and the next day, the joint funeral for five of his closets pals. Ron could only get around a little with the aid of crutches when the stake president, Ben E. Lewis, called on him.

"Ronnie," he had said, "the families want you to sing at the funeral."

How could he? His jaw was badly swollen for movement. Besides . . . these were five very special guys.

"You can do it," President Lewis promised, "if you will pray, and if you really want to."

He really wanted to. The next few days were filled with prayer. He knew only the Lord could help him accomplish this incredible task.

The morning of the funeral he couldn't eat; the jaw was rigid, and he spoke through closed teeth. Practicing beforehand was a fiasco. With those clenched teeth he could get no resonance or carrying power. But he had given his word.

His earnest prayers continued right up to the time he sat with his brother Bob in the choir loft of the old Provo Tabernacle.

Then suddenly, minutes before he was to sing, an overwhelmingly peaceful feeling settled on him, and Ron turned to his brother. "I can move my jaw!" he whispered. "It feels all right!"

He picked up his crutches, limped over to the organ, and with a faint smile nodded to organist Byron Jensen. The young Explorer stood up tall and looked below at the flower-covered caskets bearing the bodies of five of the friends he had buddied with practically all his life. How could he sing?

His voice rose, beautiful and pure. "May the good Lord bless and keep you . . ." The unwavering notes filled the tabernacle and soared to heaven on the summer breeze. "Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows. Never mind what might have been . . ." The melody was strong until the last, but then . . . he couldn't go on. He faltered, then whispered, ". . . till we meet again:"

Tears coursed down the faces of the fifteen hundred sobbing people gathered in the tabernacle—tears shed not only for the five boys who had been taken, but tears also for the courage of a young Explorer with a puffy jaw.

As for that jaw—immediately after the song, it locked shut again, and weeks passed before Ron could open it.

Nobody can tell Ron that miracles don't happen. He's had a few close calls since then, too, but he's now living the dream of his life—a mission, in the Eastern Atlantic States. But miracles don't happen all by themselves. It takes real faith, sincere prayers, and a lot of personal effort. In this case, all were supplied in abundance by a very strong young man.

Conversion To The Truth



★ The age of miracles has not passed, it is here with us if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. We can hear that still, small voice of conscience and of the Holy Spirit, who speaks in the silence of the night when we commune with our Creator.

It was certainly a miracle which led Eileen Davies to the portals of the chapel in Cardiff and inspired her to knock at the door after reading the inscription "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," and ask to be shown around.

Sister Davies had been a Catholic Nun for more than thirty-three years in England and Rome. A few years ago, however, she had surprised and indeed shocked everyone by asking the Pope to release her from her vows as she felt her work was hampered by the new

constitutions and rules of the order.

The Mother Superior, after shedding many tears, had exclaimed "God has some great work you cannot do in the Convent." Those prophetic words were to ring again in the ears of Sister Davies. Let us hear her story in her own words.

"I came to Cardiff to say goodbye to my relatives, before returning to Venice. I thought I would spend a few weeks to try and recapture that spiritual fervour I had had when a girl of nineteen, which inspired me to leave all things, and follow the Divine Master.

"I prayed fervently, 'Oh God, a contrite and humble heart thou wilt not despise,' I cried with the Psalmist. I little dreamed of the way my prayers were to be answered. I went to visit my sister in Rhiwbina and saw a new

church on the corner as I got off the bus. New churches were not extraordinary in Cardiff, but what was extraordinary was that I was urged to go over and look at the name. 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,' the words intrigued me. I felt compelled to enter, but the door was closed.

"The next day I returned earlier and found the door open. I ventured in and asked the custodian if he would show me around. Classrooms, gymnasium, kitchen, I thought how much it is like the convent school. When I entered the chapel those prophetic words of Reverend Mother rang in my ears, 'God has some work for you that you cannot do in the Convent.' I turned to the custodian and said, 'Is there someone who can explain what spirituality this Church has to offer?'

"He took me to the Branch Presidents' office and President Ivan C. Taylor outlined briefly the foundation and the teachings of the 'Mormon Church.' Three hours later I staggered out of his office dumbfounded and shattered. It seemed incredible that the Catholic Church was not the church that our blessed Saviour had founded on earth. I thought of all those good people who had worked with me in the mission field teaching the Gospel; the people whom we had prepared for baptism and

realized that even we, were not baptized at all. My soul was greaved! My world had collapsed!

"President Taylor told me later that he would never forget the look in my eyes. I could not believe the Catholic Church did not have the Priesthood, and that the Pope was not Christ's Vicar on earth. Why, oh why did God leave the earth without the true Gospel until 1830? All those centuries! I am afraid I wrestled with the Holy Ghost for many weeks and my zealous missionary teacher had a difficult time.

"But with St. Paul I was bound to say 'Whom am I to withstand God? At a certain point the Holy Spirit took over and I saw without a shadow of a doubt that Christ was standing on the shore bidding me to come to Him, not on the water, but out of the waters of baptism. Oh, what a cleansing! Oh, what joy to know that all my transgressions were then washed away and I could begin a new life!

I bear my testimony. Christ is the only Begotten Son of God and the restored Gospel is the word of God. God, who uses the weak and the lonely, raised up Joseph Smith to be a Prophet and he was the instrument of the restoration of His Church. 'Lord, I do believe,' I say humbly with the blind man in the Gospel."

Mercy—Charity Needed

★ We need mercy; then let us be merciful. We need charity; let us be charitable. We need forgiveness; let us forgive. Let us do unto others what we would that they should do unto us. Let us welcome the new year and de-

dicare to it our best efforts, our loyal service, our love and fellowship, and our supplication for the welfare and happiness of all mankind.

—President Joseph F. Smith

He Heard The Truth

By
Ashley Hallwood, Croydon Branch,
British Mission



★ So many wonderful things have happened to me in the few months since I became a member of Christ's Restored Church, it hardly seems possible that as recently as June of this year I knew little or nothing about the Mormons.

Through the medium of television, films and books, I had formulated a set of ill-conceived fallacies, which I took to be facts about that strange cult of people who claimed to have had the Gospel restored to them by a deluded madman named Joseph Smith. I believed the Mormons to be nothing more than a highly fanatical and puritanical religious sect who practised polygamy, and based their doctrines on a mumbo-jumbo of so-called divine revelations from God.

It was while I was vacationing in New

York City that I first encountered Mormons in the shape of two clean-cut, smartly dressed, young missionary elders. When they knocked on my door and told me that they had a message for me about a second witness for Christ, known as The Book of Mormon, I was impressed by their sincerity and the glowing enthusiasm with which they unfolded their story of a living prophet called by God in our own time.

But, owing to the myth that I had built up in my mind about Mormons, I wasn't at all interested at the time in what they had to say. There were a countless number of different sectarian groups, each claiming to be the only true church. Why should this one be any different? What did they have

that was so special, that set them apart from everyone else?

I only half listened to them, took the Book of Mormon which they offered to me and, more to please them than anything else, agreed to let them send a couple of elders to tell me more when I returned to England. I never for one moment thought I'd ever see or hear of them again. I packed my Book of Mormon away in the depths of my suitcase as nothing more than an unusual book with which to impress my friends. I promptly forgot about the whole thing and returned to the pleasures of the flesh that had become my way of life.

But life was soon to change for me. If anyone had told me then that I would lay aside these wordly pleasures for the happiness that only the love and knowledge of God can bring, I would have laughed in their faces. But now I can bear testimony to the fact that this is what has happened, that I no longer need or even miss my former vices and that life for me has become a thing of joy and exaltation.

It all happened so very fast once I arrived home in England. Almost immediately I found yet another pair of elders on my doorstep and this time, thanks be to God, I decided to listen to what they had to say. I had plenty of time on my hands, it could do no harm to at least give them a hearing and make an honest effort to assimilate their words, whether or not I accepted them as true. So I listened and as they unfolded their story I suddenly knew, as if in a flash of inspiration from heaven, that what they were saying was true.

All my life I had wanted to believe in some sort of a God and my search for the truth had taken me from church to church. None of them seemed to have what I was looking for. I vainly

tried to accept their doctrines and teachings but for me there was always something missing. I couldn't put my finger on it but I knew in my heart that there was something more, if only I could find it. And here it was, at long last, staring me in the face. I had found the truth, and I knew it!

But the elders told me not to merely take their word that the things they said were true, they told me that if I humbled myself in prayer before my Heavenly Father and asked Him then He would manifest the truth to me. So I learned to pray for the first time, and found to my surprise that it really did work. Since then prayer has become a very necessary and richly rewarding part of my life, for now I know that I have a Heavenly Father to whom I can talk just like a friend, and who really does hear me and answers my prayers.

So convinced was I by the elder's words that the very next day I accompanied them to church and, a mere three weeks later, felt proud and privileged to be baptised and confirmed as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since then I've never looked back. I've had no regrets, no longings for my former life. Every day I'm finding that my testimony continues to grow. I recently had the double honour of being ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood, and of being called as a District Missionary. I appreciate the loyal help and support that I find in my branch. The warm love and fellowship that we have one for another only serves to convince me more each day that God lives.

As members of His true Church, we have the greatest honour and responsibility that mere man can attain to—devote our lives to the glory of God and to the winning of souls for His Celestial Kingdom.

Paul Shreeve, Active Youth

★ Paul Shreeve, 16, Norwich Sunday School secretary, is a very active young man. Presently a priest, he has been a member of the Church for the past seven years.

In addition to his Church activities he has been a member of a local Scout



troop, passing through the Cub Scout and Scout organisation to be a Venture Scout. He has earned Scouting's First Class Scout award, 16 proficiency badges, Bushman's Thong and recently gained the Queen's Scout Badge, the highest Scout award to be earned by a member of the Church in this locality.

While a patrol leader, he won both the Troop and District camping trophies two years running. At present he is Cub Scout instructor in his former Cub Scout Pack.

Paul is now studying for A-levels in maths, physics and chemistry at the City of Norwich School, having gained 11 passes at G.C.E. 'O' level, including four distinctions. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shreeve.



Vincent Harvey Is Busy Medical Student

★ Vincent Harvey is a fifth year medical student at the Glasgow University, and recently held the position of president of the Medical Students Association.

During the summer vacation he worked as an intern in the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City and had the wonderful experience of meeting with President David O. McKay who was a patient at the time having a checkup. President McKay spoke about Scotland and jokingly told Bro. Harvey it was about time he thought of getting married.

During his stay in Salt Lake City, Bro. Harvey enjoyed the fellowship of the Saints in the University 13th Ward. He visited the Salt Lake and Logan temples and learned a great deal while working in the hospital.

Although his studies demand much of his time he still devotes a portion to the Lord. He serves as superintendent of the Sunday School in the Pollock Ward in the Glasgow Stake, and as first counselor in the Elders Quorum.

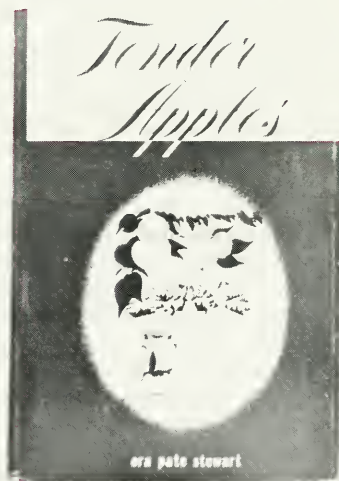


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Hezekiah's Tunnel

By Doyle L. Green

Managing Editor of The Improvement Era

★ Underneath the holy city of Jerusalem are a number of subterranean passages and other excavations that have played important roles in the long and kaleidoscopic history of that ancient city. One of these is known as Hezekiah's tunnel, or the tunnel of Siloam. It conveys water from the famed spring of Gihon, also called the Fountain of the Virgin, to the pool of Siloam. The story of the digging of this ancient tunnel and the circumstances surrounding it are fascinating to anyone interested in the people and times of the Old Testament.

Historians say that the spring provided water for Jerusalem as far back as 3,000 B.C. Its waters flow out of a crack in the rocks at a rate reported to be some 250,000 gallons a day. It is first mentioned in the Bible in connection with the anointing of Solomon after Adonijah had attempted to seize the throne. (1 Kings 1:38-39.)

Let us go back in history to the time of the prophet Isaiah 700 years before the birth of Christ.

Hezekiah, a descendant of David, was king of Judah. Unlike King Ahaz, his father, King Hezekiah followed the

ways of the Lord and often sought and received divine guidance through Isaiah. During his reign the temple was repaired and reopened, the passover was kept again, and pagan alters were torn down. Speaking to the Levites, King Hezekiah had said, ". . . sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

"Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us." (2 Chron. 29:5, 10.)

Certainly the wrath of the Lord seemed to be upon the people of Judah during the reign of wicked King Ahaz, for they were smitten in turn by armies of Syria, Israel, and Edom. (See 2 Chron. 28:5,e 17) But Hezekiah freed Judah of the yoke of their captors:

"He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

"For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses.

"And the Lord was with him; and he

prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not." (2 Kings 18:5-7.)

These were troubled times for the peoples of Palestine. In the fourth year of Hezekiah's reign, Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, led his armies against the northern kingdom of Israel and took many of the people into captivity.

During the years that followed, the armies of Assyria attacked the walled cities of Judah and captured them one by one until 46 had fallen. The great city of Jerusalem seemed to be doomed. Hezekiah tried to make peace, and the new Assyrian king, Sennacherib, demanded tribute. To try to meet his demands and keep peace, Hezekiah gave not only the treasures from his own house, but also all of the silver and gold from the temple, even removing the precious metal from the doors and pillars of the holy house. Still the Assyrian king threatened Jerusalem with annihilation if the city did not surrender. In this time of great trial Hezekiah turned to the Prophet Isaiah for guidance and sent his servants to the prophet to tell him of their plight.

"And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus said the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

"Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." (2 Kings 19:6-7.)

With this assurance Hezekiah refused to give up the city. To his people he said:

"Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:

Hezekiah's Tunnel

"With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. . . ." (2 Chron. 32: 7-8.)

Sennacherib, however, was a master of intrigue; he sent men inside the city to try to influence the people to turn against their king and surrender. The message they bore was:

"Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

"Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?" (2 Chron. 32: 11, 15.) He also tempted the people with promises of a better life if they would cast their lot with him. (See Isaiah 36.)

When these tactics proved ineffective, Sennacherib sent a letter to Hezekiah, demanding that he surrender. Taking the letter first to Isaiah, then to the temple, Hezekiah placed it before the Lord and asked what should be done. Again the Lord spoke to Isaiah and told him to let the king know that He had heard his prayer and would not permit the Assyrians to capture the city.

In the meantime Hezekiah had set about strengthening the fortifications of Jerusalem. One of his greatest concerns must have been for the water supply. He realized that because the spring Gihon was outside the city wall, if the Assyrians attacked they could not only cut off the water supply from the city but could also use it for their own purposes.

So Hezekiah called his "princes and his mighty men" together, and it was proposed that a tunnel be dug through the mountain from the spring in the Kidron Valley to the Tyropoeon Valley so that the precious water from Gihon could be diverted into the city.

It was a bold and daring proposal, and one can imagine the heated discussions that must have taken place, especially when it was suggested that because of the limited time two crews should start from opposite sides of the mountain and dig towards each other. Were the calculations of the engineer correct? Could they dig that far through solid rock with their crude tools? Would the two crews ever meet? Would they finish the tunnel in time? Could they engineer it so the water would flow through ?

Hezekiah must have made the final decision, perhaps in consultation with Isaiah, and the word was given to proceed with the project with all haste. In time the two crews did meet, the tunnel was finished, the water was diverted through it into Jerusalem, and the pool of Gihon was covered over so that the Assyrian armies could not find it.

We had read about Hezekiah's tunnel, but it had never stirred our imagination until we had the opportunity of exploring it with other members of a Brigham Young University Bible Lands tour group in the summer of 1966.

Our local guide had been through it some years earlier and said we would have to be prepared to wade, as the water would be about a foot deep.

After obtaining candles, we descended the 34 wide stone steps leading down to the spring of Gihon, tested the cool waters with our toes, and stepped into the pool to make our way over to the tunnel.

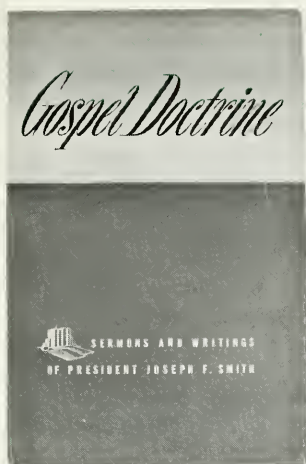
The adventure turned out to be a

fabulous experience. The tunnel is almost 600 yards long, and our thin candles were almost burned out by the time we reached the other end. As we inspected the tunnel we were amazed at the work that had gone into the undertaking by those ancient people. Every foot of the tunnel is through solid rock. No braces of any kind were used. The workmen's tools must have been crude picks and chisels and hammers. Surely they had no dynamite or drills as we have today. All of the rock chippings must have been carried out in baskets on the shoulders of the workmen. Anyone who has ever worked in a mine will wonder how fresh air was provided.

We were awed by their engineering ability. The tunnel has many twists and turns and is in the shape of a modified S. We speculated that it would have been difficult enough for these people to have started at one end and to have dug their way through the mountain to a predetermined spot without the instruments and knowledge that we have today, but the very thought of their starting from both sides and meeting in the middle was so remarkable that we could hardly comprehend it.

The tunnel varies greatly in shape and size, but generally it is perhaps some 12 to 18 inches wide on the bottom, and slopes out to three or sometimes four feet. The tunnel ranges in height from perhaps six feet to as much as 15 or 20 feet in some places. The bottom is relatively smooth all the way, but in some places rocks of varying sizes cover it, and it was not surprising that some of our party emerged with bruised feet and bleeding toes. We were in the tunnel for over an hour; and as the candles burnt lower and we could not see the end because of the

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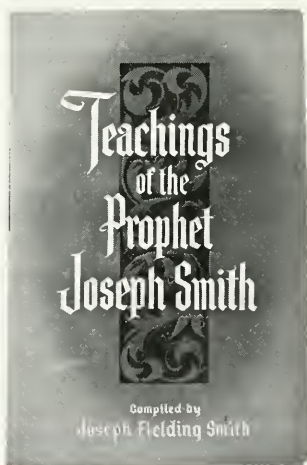
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curves, we bolstered our spirits by singing, "Come, Come Ye Saints."

But at last we emerged from the passage into the pool of Siloam. This is a spot in Jerusalem we hadn't visited before but had eagerly looked forward to seeing, as it is a pool that is associated with an important event in the ministry of the Saviour. To this pool Jesus sent the man who had been blind from birth to wash his eyes, after the Master had anointed them with clay; and having done so, the man was healed (See John 9:1-7.)

The pool itself is about 18 feet wide and 52 feet long. It was a beehive of activity. A number of women were squatting on the rock bank washing clothes, a dozen or more children were swimming and bathing, and there were many spectators. Perhaps in earlier times the pool was closer to the level of the surrounding land; today it is some 30 feet below the surface and is approached only by a stone stairway.

Considering the magnitude of the undertaking of digging this tunnel and its importance in the history of Jerusalem, it seems a little surprising that the writers of the Bible treat it in such a seemingly casual manner. The book of 2nd Chronicles reveals:

"This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. . . ." (2 Chron. 32:30.)

"And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

"He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him.

"So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains,

and the brook that ran through the midst of the land. saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?" (2 Chron. 32:2-4.)

Second Kings makes only a brief reference to this great feat:

"And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of chronicles of the kings of Judah?" (2 Kings 20:20.)

The account of how the engineers and workmen of King Hezekiah started on the tunnel from both ends and met deep in the mountain was not discovered until the year 1880. One day two young boys were playing in the pool of Siloam and dared each other to go into the dark tunnel. Further and further they went, without any light, cautiously feeling their way with their hands along the sides. Some 300 yards inside the tunnel one of the boys felt a smoother surface on the wall, with what seemed to be characters engraved into it. Emerging from the tunnel he hurried to his teacher in the Boys' School of the London Mission to the Jews and told of the experience. They returned to the tunnel, supplied with torches, went into it, confirmed the fortunate discovery. The now famous writing is known as the Siloam inscription. Experts tell us that it is an example of the oldest known Hebrew writing. It is translated thus:

"Behold the excavation. Now this is the history of the excavation. While the excavators were still lifting up the pick, each toward his neighbour, and while there were yet three cubits to excavate, there was heard the voice of one man calling to his neighbour . . . and after that the excavators had struck pick against pick, over against one another, the water flowed from the spring to the pool for a distance of 1200 cubits."

One will search in vain for the inscription in the tunnel today, since it has long since been chiseled out of the wall by robbers and taken out of the country. It is now in the Museum of the Ancient Orient in Istanbul.

There is a postscript that should be added to the story of Hezekiah. So great was his faith and so good were his words that he received a blessing that probably few men have ever experienced. He became very ill; in fact, the scriptures say that "he was sick unto death," inasmuch that the Prophet Isaiah came to him and suggested that he set his house in order, for he was going to die. But Hezekiah felt that his work was not finished. Perhaps the tunnel had not yet been completed. Perhaps he knew that the people needed his strength and leadership.

In his writings *Antiquities of the Jews*, the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus says: "Yet while he (Hezekiah) was very zealous and diligent about the worship of God, did he soon afterwards fall into a severe distemper, inasmuch that the physicians despaired of him, and expected no good issue of his sickness, as neither did his friends: and besides the distemper itself, there was a very melancholy circumstance that disordered the king, which was the consideration that he was childless, and was going to die, and leave his house and his government without a successor of his own body; so he was troubled at the thoughts of this his condition, and lamented himself, and entreated of God that he would prolong his life for a little while till he had some children, and not suffer him to depart this life before he was become a father." (P. 301.)

The scriptures do not confirm this account, but in any event, Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying, "Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that

which is good in thy sight. . . ."

Through Isaiah, Hezekiah received the message, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

"And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city." (See Isa. 38:1-6; 2 Kings 20:1-6.) As a sign, the Lord caused the sun to be moved ten degrees backwards. (See 2 Kings 20: 8-11; Isa. 38:7-8.)

True to his promise, the Lord prolonged Hezekiah's life and protected the city of Jerusalem.

King Sennacherib never attacked the city, but soon left Palestine and returned to Nineveh. Later two of his own sons killed him with swords as he was worshipping his pagan god.

Perhaps one should not look for physical evidences to help substantiate the truthfulness of the scriptures. Nevertheless, such "proof" is interesting. Of all the archaeological evidences of the Old Testament we have seen in our ventures through the Holy Land, none seems to bring the scriptures closer or give them more meaning and reality than does Hezekiah's tunnel. The city of David itself has been changed, destroyed, and rebuilt numerous times over the years. Perhaps none of the buildings that Isaiah or Hezekiah knew remain. The Tyropeon Valley has been filled in with 30 to 60 feet of debris, the Kidron Valley is not as deep as it was, the level of most of the city itself is some 25 to 30 feet higher than it was in former times. But this subterranean passage, built by the workmen of King Hezekiah, and through which water has been flowing for 2,700 years, remains unchanged and helps to make the story of the Prophet Isaiah and Hezekiah and their times come alive, and gives added meaning, significance, and realism to this part of the Old Testament.

Repentance Principle

Explained by Student

By Gilbert J. H. McCabe

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★ There are two essential aspects of the principle and law of repentance as taught in the Bible and in modern revelation: change of mind and change of behaviour.

The implications of the Greek and Latin terms also indicate two separate facets to this doctrine: the Greek word for repentance emphasises the positive and forward-looking concept of "enthusiasm to work righteousness," while the Latin word has a retrospective connotation of lamenting past wrongs. This two-fold concept is clearly taught in Ezekiel 18:31:

"Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart, and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?"

Firstly we are commanded to cast away all our transgressions (committed in the past) and make within us "a new heart and a new spirit."

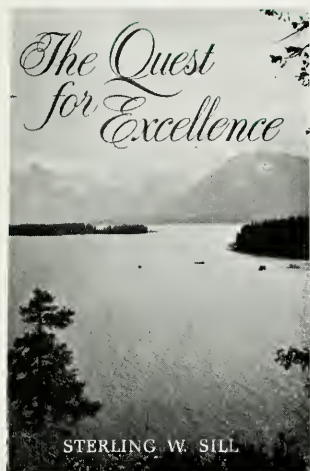
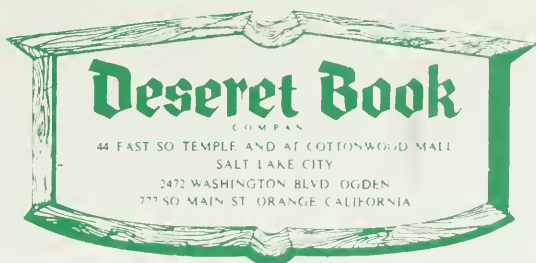
Many are the reasons given in Scripture why we should repent: for

instance D. & C. 1:31-33 enumerate three reasons. Firstly the Lord "cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance"; secondly we shall be forgiven if we repent of our transgressions and obey His commandments ('make you a new heart') and thirdly, if we do not repent we shall lose the light we have received and we are further warned that the Lord's Spirit will not always strive with us.

The commandment and encouragement implicit in the Saviour's words: 'Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in Heaven is perfect', gives one explanation why the Lord cannot look upon sin 'with the least degree of allowance'. The record uses the word 'cannot', and not another word such as 'does not'. Why?—To re-enter the presence of our Father in Heaven with the blemishes of sin still on our souls is against the Order of Heaven. Alma, the High Priest, asks the following question for us:

"Do ye imagine to yourselves that ye can lie unto the Lord in that day?"

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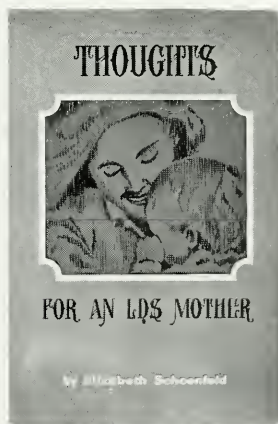
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Were we to lie and claim we had lived righteously and we had not done so, the remembrance of all our guilt would prevent us from being at ease. Those who inherit the highest degrees of the Celestial kingdom will have a completely pure heart.

"And he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received." If the light is removed then darkness prevails, meaning that the light and guidance of the Spirit of the Lord shall no longer strive with us: we then become dead to this sacred source of righteous influence. This is what Ezekiel had in mind in his 18th chapter: through His prophet the Lord asks:

"Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" In verse 32 He answers:

"For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth."

The use of the verb to die is here symbolic: it indicates the death of spiritual influence on an individual (see the last half of verse 23: "that he should return from his ways and live"). The greatest thought that the prophet Ezekiel gives his reader is contained in the simple words:

"Make you a new heart and a new spirit."

Alma in his fifth chapter in the Book of Mormon presents a series of questions which relate to what he calls "a mighty change" in the heart. He is speaking of the effect of the prophet Abinadi's words upon his own father: the effect was that "a mighty change was wrought in his heart." There are many aspects of this change: verse 27: are we sufficiently humble to meet the Lord? Verse 28: are we stripped of pride? Verse 29: of envy? The Lord encourages in verse 33: Repent, and I will receive. In the book of Revelation (3:20) the Lord again exhorts all men:

"I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, I will come unto him, and will sup with him and he with me."

The Lord stands and knocks, ever anxious that His voice and teachings will be heard: the record does not read: "I stood and knocked": so long as there is yet one Lost Sheep to be found, the Shepherd will have great joy. Just as He taught the woman of Samaria at the side of the well about 'living water', so He offers this to all:

"The water that I shall give shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."





It is a duty which every Saint ought to render to his brethren freely—to always love them, and ever succor them. To be justified before God we must love one another: we must overcome evil; we must visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, and we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world: for such virtues flow from the great fountain of pure religion, strengthening our faith by adding every good quality that adorns the child of the blessed Jesus, we can pray in the season of prayer; we can love our neighbor as ourselves, and be faithful in tribulation, knowing that the reward of such is greater in the kingdom of heaven.

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GOOD TIMBER

The tree that never had to fight
For sun, and sky, and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain,
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king:
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil—
Who never had to win his share
Of sun, and sky, and light and air,
Never became a manly man:
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease—
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length:
The more the storm the more the strength;

By sun and cold, by rain and snows
In tree or man, good timber grows;
Where thickest stands the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold converse with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds, and much of strife—
THIS IS THE COMMON LAW OF LIFE.

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

★ The Texas South Mission has been formed through a division of the Texas Mission. The new mission will be headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, with missionaries proselyting among the Spanish-speaking people of south Texas. Pres. Dean Larson, former president of the Spanish-American Mission, is the president of the new mission.

★ Two new stakes have been created in recent weeks. Perth Stake, 9,500 miles from Salt Lake City, was organized at Perth, Australia, with Donald W. Cummings, sustained as stake president. Perth Stake is the sixth such unit to be organized in Australia.

The 448th stake in the Church, is the Simi Stake, in California with John Lyman Ballif III sustained as the first president of the new unit. The stake has 3,000 members in six wards, in Reseda and Canoga Park area.

★ The recently completed Long Island Stake Centre in Plainview, New York, features much of the material that was used in construction of the famed Mormon Pavilion at The New York's recent World's Fair.

The large side panels of the Pavilion make up the outer walls of the chapel and cultural hall. Appendages to the central chapel-cultural hall unit are the classrooms and other facilities. The stake centre will also house the Plainview and Plainview Second Wards.

★ The new Pacific Northwest Mission with headquarters in Seattle, Wash., is being presided over by Pres. Joe E. Whitesides. The mission was created through a division of the Northwestern States Mission.

★ More than 1,800,000 visitors toured Temple Square in 1967, according to Theodore C. Jacobsen, director, the new Visitors Centre.

He said August was the biggest month with 286,717 visitors counted on the Temple Square grounds. Second highest month was July with 260,815 and third, was December with 224,031. The special Christmas lighting on the Square attributed to the high number in December.

★ The last of the 80,000 Mormon pioneers who came to Utah before completion of the transcontinental railway in 1869, Mrs. Hilda Andersson Erickson, 106, Grantsville, Utah, died Jan. 1st in a Salt Lake nursing home.

Born in Ledsjo, Sweden, she crossed the plains in 1866 with her parents by ox team.

During her long life she delivered more than 200 babies, treated wounds, performed elementary dental work, operated a general merchandise store following her husband's death in 1943, drove a car until she was 95 and last year voted in the municipal elections in Grantsville by absentee ballot.

Short Story Contest

Winners Announced

★ Winners of the Millennial Star 1967 Short Story Contest are announced herewith. The first four place winners will receive special prizes and the first two stories are published herewith in this, the February issue of the Star.

The next eleven stories in the contest listing will be published in future issues of the Millennial Star beginning with the March issue. The balance of the stories submitted, will not be printed, as per decision of the judges, but the writers will receive certificates.

The editorial staff of the Millennial Star, its board of directors, and the judging committee for the contest, desire to thank all who participated. The contest created much interest and brought to the front a number of persons in Great Britain who have creative writing ability.

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by Mrs. Edna Byrne
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Second—"This Swinging London"

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12 Alexandra Court,
175 Queen's Gate,
London, S.W.7

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by Anne Bradshaw
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by Mrs. Pat Pritchard
36 Trem Elidir,
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Tenth—"A Little Bit Of Heaven"

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Eleventh—"Thy Will Not Mine"

by Judy Hartley
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Twelfth—"The Beckett Story"

by Rita Bowles
17 Southfields Drive,
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Thirteenth—"The Call Of The Seagulls"

by Ruth B. Brook
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Fartown,
Huddersfield, Yorkshire

TEACH ME RIGHT!

Prize Winning Short Story Submitted

by Mrs. Edna Byrne,
19, Prestwich Avenue, Worcester



★ Barbara had been very ill. She was aware that her illness was serious and that only a few months of her life were left; maybe only weeks. But today was yet to be lived and she was allowed downstairs for a few hours.

She had lain in bed so long, counting the cracks in the ceiling, following the pattern of the wallpaper with her eyes, watching the spider weave his web in the corner of the window, listening to the birds working on their nests—under the eaves of the house, waiting for

the sound of the milkman, who clanked down the bottles in their crates each morning. Something being done all the while. Each day her strength gradually increased until she could rise from her bed and walk just a little, across the bedroom.

Today, she had strength enough to walk down-stairs and all those patterns and sounds were not seen or heard, for new ones took their place. She didn't bother to hear the milkman anymore, because she could now see him. The

birds were not noisy now, for they pecked at the lawn.

The rain was still hanging on the window panes like large tears, as she stood there gazing out into the world. All this would soon be gone for her, she took it into her heart, all she could, for this life was precious to her.

I was her personal friend. I cried inwardly as she talked to me about the killer disease, from which she was suffering, but she was so brave, my heart ached with physical pain, if that's possible, when she reminded me that "Our Lord has promised all of us, only that which we can bear."

But why! My thoughts were asking, why should Barbara die? This young woman of only twenty-six years, who was so bonnie to look at, at least that was until two years ago. Now she began to look ill, getting thinner and generally weaker. The next time she is confined to bed will be the last time; this is how this disease behaves with people, it takes them slowly, but surely.

It was as if I were dying myself; something was dying inside me, for it was torture each time I spoke with Barbara, each time I looked upon her face, I thought, "How long?" "Could a miracle happen and we be told that the disease had gone?" "Was I dreaming?" "Would I soon wake from this awful nightmare?" By day my mind was a whirl with questions unanswered, fears and hopes, all at the same time. My sleep became disturbed at night.

There was never one time when I could remember Barbara saying, "It can't be done", or "It's impossible." Whatever task came her way, no matter how difficult or tiresome it appeared to

me, she would sit down with the thought of the task before her, calmly study all aspects and then say, "My morning prayers asked for help and guidance in my daily tasks, and The Lord knows this has been handed to me. His strength is mine", or she would say, knowing the situation to be great, "This is something I must discuss with my Father, through His Son, if you will excuse me for a moment." Leaving the room where I sat, she would go to pray. Upon returning she would, in her calm way, sit and commence to work on the situation. I knew she had been kneeling, because I would see her rub her knees occasionally, to restore the circulation.

Constantly I choke back tears. She was always kind to people, she smiled all the while, even though her burdens were often very heavy. No, she wasn't perfect; she wasn't an angel; just an ordinary human being in the world, like so many other thousands of people.

Until she had became ill, Barbara was a teacher at the infant school. I couldn't count the times when, enjoying our conversations together, she had told me of her imperfections. "Today", she would say, "when we returned to class after lunch-break, I saw one of my six-year-olds throw his sweet paper over the school fence into a neighbouring garden and I reprimanded the small child." "Well," I interrupted, "why do you feel imperfect through this act, surely respect of other peoples property is the making of a good citizen?" "Oh yes!" Was her reply, "But I didn't give him a chance to defend himself, or to explain himself; I said my piece and hurried him into class. I'm at fault you see, Lottie; to be a good teacher, whatever the subject, whoever the pupil, we are there to help those in need, to

Short Story

teach basic truths and help correct mistakes." I was getting a little impatient, "But surely you were correcting this boy." "Lottie, I didn't take the trouble to find out whether he was making a mistake, or whether he just didn't know, that over that fence the ground belonged to some-one else. How much of the law did he know! He hasn't been with us very long, only six years in this world, that's a very short while to hear about laws, let alone learn them. But no matter what age, a good teacher will give the student an opportunity to explain why this was done, or why knowledge on that particular subject was lacking. This way, teacher will talk as a friend, a confidence will develop between the two; the teaching can then begin at the necessary level of the lesson.

"Don't you see what I'm trying to illustrate Lottie, who am I to condemn people, like I did that little boy? We have to be gentle with the way we handle situations for the first time, but if they are repeated, defiantly, only then shall we find it necessary to rebuke; even then we should rebuke with love in our hearts, lest we be esteemed an enemy."

At those last few words the room fell silent. I was biting my lip, trying to suppress tears, but humility swelled up inside me so much, I couldn't hold on any longer. Great tears of sadness, gladness, pity, poured down my face; sorrow for the injured boy; sorrow for all those I had hurt by words or deeds, gratefulness for Barbara, all these things I felt, for her example of teaching was second best to none.

I was sobbing now, she was all distorted as I looked at her through my

tear filled eyes. "Barbara," I burst out, "Why am I crying this way, why am I upsetting myself, why is my heart heavy? You are the one with the cross to bear!"

While I was uttering these words, she had her arms around me, with that pressure of security from her finger tips to the length of her arms. "I have studied my subject, I know the answers and the consequences," she said gently. "I have grown to accept what is expected of me, that is my best at all times. I will not die and be forgotten from this life Lottie, because those tears you have just shed, mean that you are learning the same lesson that I took in life. I also shed many tears before I knew what my "Teacher" meant, before I could follow His example. But he never bawled me out. He never condemned me, He always gave me a chance, to show him how much I had learned.

I was drying my face now, a smile was breaking through my darkness, I could feel the confidence which Barbara had been telling me about. Here she was, a teacher and yet she was still willing to learn more.

Three weeks passed by. Barbara didn't get outside her home again. She was getting weaker but great was her effort to be active. Since Wednesday she had remained in bed, too weak now to walk. She spent her time writing a few stories, for Junior Sunday School. She wrote a poem and sent it to the children in the class, where she taught at school—

"Seek for the Truth and
Ask, what you want to know.
Remember, dear children,
"Teacher" loves you so."

—were the last four lines of the poem. She would read for a while, from one of her many books. Her requests were few, but she would insist at the beginning and closing of each day, that someone assist her from the bed; there she would kneel and talk with The Lord.

It was an ordinary home. Mother, Father and younger brother. Warm with every-day bustle or tranquillity of life. "Living with Barbara, well, she is like a trainer in the circus," I had often heard her father say. "She enjoys the clowning and joins in with the laughter but when the main act of the show is being performed, (by that I mean prayer time), she requires your seriousness and quietness, to encourage all performers to balance themselves according to their ability. She holds the whip high and we reach up to it."

We always looked forward to Saturday nights. This was when Barbara and I would go to a dance, or a show, to join with the social and lighter side of life. I shuddered, as I reflected that memory, for tonight was Saturday again and Barbara was so ill.

I had helped her mother to lift her from her bed. She knelt to say her prayers and we left the room. We left her for the usual amount of time which she allowed herself, but I felt uneasy somehow. I looked at her mother, my eyes expressing the fact that I was returning to the bedroom. I entered

quietly, Barabara was still praying. She roused herself slightly; I thought she was about to finish, when she said aloud, "Lottie will continue my work for me, her goodness comes from the heart and her love abounds. Give her strength to teach Thine example and to hold the whip high." Those were her last words.

Her mother had followed me into the room, I saw her standing near the door. She moved forward and we lifted Barbara on to the bed. She had died talking to her "Teacher."

Though my eyes were cloudy again, I was smiling. I had to smile to continue Barbara's work. Her mother embraced me and sobbing, she said, "I'm so glad to have witnessed the confidence my daughter had gained from you. She always said you were a wonderful teacher, because you would always listen. You gave her a chance."

As she turned and gently guided me towards the bedroom door, she said, "Her memory will live through you, Lottie, as the memory of Christ lives through all of us who follow His example."

As I passed the bed, I stopped to pick up the last book Barbara had been reading; I kissed her cheek tenderly.

The door closed quietly behind me. I read the title of the book. "Teach me right!"

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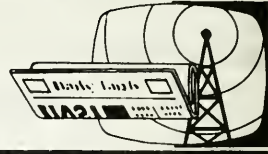
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NEWS



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North British Mission Holiday Festivities

★ Father Christmas had a rollicking welcome when he called in at the Liverpool Chapel on the occasion of the Primary and Junior Sunday School party.

The rousing singing which heralded his appearance was a real credit to the children after the immense tea they had just consumed, which was provided by Doreen Jones and her band of tireless helpers.

Balloons and crackers made a lovely

centerpiece in the hall, and decorated each table. The splendid sight brought forth the comment from one small boy . . . "Boy ain't this something?"

The branch party and dance followed the children's jollifications, and again the refreshments were of the most mouth watering variety; these, together with the games and convivial atmosphere made a splendid night for all members.



Liverpool branch Primary and Sunday School party.

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★ Approximately ninety saints attended the Preston District M.I.A. Autumn Ball at Rawtenstall Chapel. Apparently there was some misunderstanding amongst the members as some arrived in their "best bib and tucker" while others wore "Western Gear." The latter were more appropriately attired, for the event was aptly named "the Marshalls."

The District Dance Festival was also included in the evening's programme, but only two branches, Burnley and Bolton, took part. Burnley won with a spirited Scots number. During the interval, hot dogs, bacon and beans, with a non-alcoholic punch were served.

★ A turkey dinner was served by the members of Burnley Branch to a most hungry and appreciative gathering. President and Sister Shorrack were in attendance, and a campaign was opened which has as its target, £1,000 in the building fund by this time next year. A great night was enjoyed by everyone with dancing to taped music, and an exhibition of country style by the youth of the branch. Brother A. Hathaway delighted his listeners with his masterly interpretation of a monologue. President Pickup then expertly auctioned two parcels, the contents of which were not known and this added two Guineas to the fund.

★ Grimsby District Relief Society Presidency held their annual party at Scunthorpe on Dec. 2nd in the form of a dinner and dance, Husbands and friends were again invited and eighty-nine

dinners were served. Other guests arrived at eight thirty when square dancing began. The music was provided by the Lincoln Redwings and was ably called by Roy Howard.

★ A Minstrel Show was given in East Hull Chapel by members from the Leeds Ward in aid of the East Hull Building Fund. This fine show attracted many people who were not members, and all were impressed by the clean quality of the performance. The Cultural hall was full and over 230 tickets were sold.

The District Music Festival took place at the West Hull Chapel, and four branches took part. East and West Hull, York and Scarborough. Winners were Susan Bagnall-solo, Brother and Sister Spencer-family unit, all from Scarborough, and the York Choral Group, all of these will go forward to the Grimsby District Festival.

★ A most successful bazaar held at the Grimsby Chapel, under the direction of Relief Society President Marjorie Jenner, realised £43 profit. Beautiful home-made cakes were a feature of the bazaar, and these sold very well, so did the many splendid toys made by the sisters, and Christmas decorations, calendars and aprons. Sales were also good at the knitwear and handicraft stall and the White Elephant stall was very popular. Hot dogs, mince pies and orange juice helped to swell the profits.



Elder Saunders and Elder Willis present Book of Mormon and Meet the Mormons to Ald. Roberts Mayor of Beverley.

★ The missionaries of Beverley Branch, Elder Joseph N. Sanders, from Arizona, and Elder Thomas Willis of Los Angeles, California, called on the local Mayor Ald. Harry Roberts at the Beverley Guildhall, and presented him with a copy of "Meet the Mormons" and a Book of Mormon. They invited him to attend the Open House on Dec. 8th. The Mayor was very impressed by their visit. Photographs of the presentation and an article appeared in two of the local papers.

★ The annual Christmas Bazaar held by the Derby Ward Relief Society was a great success. Gaily decorated stalls proved to be a great attraction, and the home-bake stall did especially well.

After the bazaar the evening programme was organised by Kenneth Clulow, and fifty members thoroughly enjoyed dancing and games.

★ Children of South Birmingham Ward Primary held their Christmas Party at Hartfield Crescent School, Hall Green, on Dec. 15th. After the party tea provided by the sisters, they entertained parents and friends by singing carols and popular songs, ending with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

The highlight of the evening was a visit by Father Christmas, and each child was called to him by name to receive a gift.

On the same evening the M.I.A.

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presented their Road Show, "In an English Country Garden," which they had put on at Leicester in October.

Afterwards the M.I.A. girls assisted by a few of the Primary children, paraded in a fashion show. Garments modelled ranged from summer dresses to trousersuits, and long evening dresses some of which had been made by the girls themselves. For those contemplating marriage, there were bridesmaids dresses, bride's mother's attire and as a grand finale, two gorgeous bridal gowns. The entire show was organised by Dianne Lydiard.

The December blizzard that disrupted Birmingham's traffic on the eighth also had an effect on the size of the audience at the ward concert, but this did not deter the performers. The Mission-aies were there with their guitars, and entertained with some unusual carols as well as popular songs. Miss Florence Ellard and Miss E. Newby gave excellent performances singing many old and new numbers.

ing, and the attendance was good despite the bad weather.

★ The Ward Christmas Party took place on Dec. 15th, with David Bourne in charge of the games, which were rather boisterous, and which quickly put everyone into the party spirit. A buffet table was attractively set out in the lounge and was a big success.

David Brailsford made a welcome appearance as Santa Claus bringing gifts of sweets and fruit for all the children. He also gave a very professional performance in a comic sketch along with other members of the M.I.A. and Bishop Green's family quartet sang some lesser known carols.

As members with young children made their way home, Geff Harris organised dancing for the teen-agers, and also gave instruction on some of the old time dances.

★ Nottingham Ward held an open house on Dec. 10th. The Chapel was open to visitors from 3 p.m. with conducted tours and displays from all the auxiliaries and two showings of the film "How near to Angels." Visitors were also invited to attend Sacrament meet-

★ Every woman's idea of a good evening out is to have a meal cooked and served for her with no worry about washing up afterwards. Walsall sisters received such a treat from the Branch Priesthood members on Dec. 2nd., and dancing afterwards made it a full evening of pleasure and relaxation.





Chris and Peter, friendly folk singers.

★ These two young men are such good friends of the Church that they have offered their services at any time. Already they have delighted many audiences in the Liverpool District.

★ December 2nd was a sad yet joyful evening for the Coventry Ward when the "Curtis Capers" social took place. Behind the fun and laughter was sorrow because the building supervisor and his family were leaving the ward.

Brother Curtis had been at Coventry since the beginning of the chapel building, and as it neared completion he was called to make up the position of area construction supervisor for the British Isles. Brother and Sister Curtis and their four sons, all received presents from the ward to remind them of their stay in the city.

★ "Joseph Smith, the president of the Church, prophet, seer, and revelator, is thirty-six years of age, six feet high in pumps, weighing two hundred and twelve pounds. He is a man of the highest order of talent and great independence of character—firm in his integrity—and devoted to his religion; . . . as a public speaker he is bold, powerful, and convincing; . . . as a leader, wise and prudent, yet fearless as a military commander; brave and determined as a citizen, worthy, affable, and kind; bland in his manners, and of noble bearing."

—Reprinted in *Millennial Star*, May 1842
Helen Mar Whitney, an intimate friend
of the prophet.

Scottish Relief Societies

Raise £30 at

Annual Bazaar

★ The branch Relief Societies from Bellahouston and Thornliebank held their annual bazaar in a rented hall on a main thoroughfare in Bellahouston on Saturday afternoon. Knitted goods, children's wear novelties and goodies from the kitchen were on sale, together with old clothes as a Jumble section.

Business was brisk in that quarter but it was found that people were more unwilling to part with their money on the articles made by the sisters than they had been last year. This was attributed to the "squeeze" and unemployment, for the goods were well made and much cheaper than they would have been in the shops. However the total takings were in the region of £30, which was relatively satisfying to the sisters and will help to boost the funds.

★ The Kilmarnock District held their first priesthood social in the Glasgow Ward Building, which had been specially lent for the occasion. A very fine three course meal was served, consisting of soup, chicken with all the trimmings, and ice-cream and fruit. For once the priesthood were able to sit back and relax, there were no chores for them that night.

Ronald F. Lovell, the Kilmarnock District President, was chairman for the evening, and guest of honour was Mission President E. J. Brown; both of them gave after dinner speeches.

The programme ranged from several numbers by both Bellahouston and the Kilmarnock Branch Choirs, to solos from George Seaton, Ian Duddy and Walter Bloy, two violin solos from Reginald Beales, and two poems read by President Lovell. Ian Daly sang some

folk songs and accompanied himself on the the guitar and Hyrum Blackburn told some tall, tall stories. Anthony Sinclair danced a Highland Fling, and to conclude the evening Gordon McDonald led everyone in Boy Scout type rally calls.

There were forty-eight brethren in attendance, mostly Priesthood holders, there were a few new members and some friends. All had a very enjoyable evening.

Central British Coed Wins Oratory At BYU

★ We have received word from America that Carolyne D. Williams, formerly of the Harlech and Rhyl Branches, and at present attending Brigham Young University, has won the Heber J. Grant Oratorical Contest, the biggest speech contest of the Year at the University. Congratulations Carolyne.

★ On Dec. 2nd the 2nd Quorum of Elders held their annual dinner and dance in the Northampton Cultural Hall. It was excellently organised and presented by President Litchfield and his aides. Amongst the 64 guests were Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon, and

five members travelled from far away Lincoln, while others were from Corby and the Midland South District. Dancing was to Glynn Ramond and his Band, who also compered the games and spot prize dancing and the prizes were profuse!

The dinner was served at tables elegantly decorated with a Christmas theme by the Relief Society, and the menu featured soup, chicken, trifle and caro drinks.

Sister Cummings, the Northampton Primary president organised a Nativity play and a party for more than 60 children on Dec. 16th. Special guests were 24 children from a local Roman Catholic Home.

The play called "Ten Angels" was excellently performed by the children in their attractive costumes; Sally Gooing and Tony Cummings were narrators. Sunday School and Primary officers and teachers prepared and served the food for the party. The Relief Society provided sweets, and Barry Beardsmore organised the games, which included a Father Christmas and gifts for all.

Whilst the children enjoyed their feast, the parents were entertained with films shown by President Elger.

★ The Prophet Joseph Smith and his Brother, Hyrum, were said to be "as brave as lions."

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Open House Programmes Aid British South Mission

★ Four chapels in the British South Mission were utilized for open house evenings prior to Christmas. Indeed the evenings seemed to lend a special brotherly atmosphere to the Christmas season, a setting of the "stage" as it

were for the opportunity to learn more of the Saviour, the Gospel and the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

An average of 100 persons attended each of the open house observances with approximately 20 investigators

present at each. The Reading, Southampton, Crawley and Luton Ward chapels were used for the evenings.

Each building was spic and span, shined almost to perfection, to make a fine impression upon the visitors.

Some of the evenings began with a musical programme, all featured tours of the chapels, cultural halls, classrooms, and baptismal facilities. The prized Church film, "Man's Search For Happiness" which won high acclaim at the New York World's Fair, was shown at each.

Mission Pres. J. W. Child said similar open house evenings will be held probably the week prior to Easter centering upon the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sunderland Stake Holds Bazaar

★ Billingham Ward are busy building their chapel and are using divers means of raising money. In order to get in with the Christmas Spirit the Primary workers held a social on Dec. 9th for the Ward, at which the Primary children sang and acted a small play with the theme "Honesty is the Best Policy." Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Ward's annual Christmas Bazaar held in the Jubilee Hall at Stockton was

a great success. Stake Relief Society President Afton Hardy, travelled down from Peterlee to open the proceedings officially. There was scarcely room to move in the packed hall. Gaily decorated stalls consisted of a White Elephant Stall run by the Y.W.M.I.A. Novelities and Fancy Goods, Toys, an Apron Bar, Plant Stall, Sweets and Cakes, Household goods and a Bran Tub with a Father and Mother Christmas, namely Joe Riley and Sheila Gizzie. Brother Riley is the oldest male member of the Ward. The effort raised £80, half of which will go to the Building Fund, and the M.I.A. made £8.

On Dec. 15th the M.I.A. held a Christmas Ball, and as Billingham's own chapel is not yet finished, it took place in the Middlesbrough Cultural Hall. Approximately 70 people attended, they came from Redcar, Middlesbough, Newton Aycliffe and Hartlepool. Relief Society sisters provided delicious refreshments which included slices of melon with cherries, and hot traditional mince pies. Brother and Sister Sibley proved to be a very special attraction with their demonstration of a waltz, foxtrot and a quickstep.

★ Consett Branch held a sale of work on behalf of their Building Fund on December 9th. The weather was so bad that few people attended and only half of the goods were sold, but they still made £40. Each of the auxiliaries had its own stall, and they had knitted and sewn articles, made cakes and preserves, and toys and the M.I.A. had made jewellery.

★ Newcastle Relief Society held their bazaar in late November and they raised £13 for the ward budget.

★ A special effort was made by the Peterlee Relief Society sisters at their bazaar as the proceeds were to go to the Branch Building Fund. President Sarah Holligon was able to hand over £50 1s. 0d. to President William Hardy afterwards and was told that their building will soon be started.

★ The Stake M.I.A. held a Christmas Dance in the Stake House on Friday, December 8th. Dancing which was a mixture of old-time and modern, was to music by Wilson King and his band, and over 100 people attended. During the interval, entertainment was provided by a young Group from the Newcastle Ward.

After refreshments Stake Relief Society President Afton Hardy, introduced two small plays. The first, "A City on a Hill" was enacted by sisters from Peterlee, Consett and Hartlepool. Singing was provided by Relief Society sisters from Billingham Ward. The other play, "Farewell Pots and Pans", a comedy in two acts, was performed by members of Newcastle Ward. The evening ended with carol singing conducted by Doris Laurie of Hartlepool.

Glasgow Stake Music Festival Heard By 250

★ The Glasgow Stake Music Committee recently presented a music festival in the Drumchapel Building.

Choirs from Cranhill, Paisley, Easterhouse, Pollock, Drumchapel, Clydebank and Springburn Wards participated. A

combined 50 voice choir was conducted by Marjorie Foot and accompanied by Anna Harvey.

Solos were sung by Richard Foote, Andrew Thompson, Alex Bauld, Alex Richardson, Robert Sinclair, Anna Harvey and Pres. and Sister Richardson sang a duet.

More than 250 members and friends enjoyed the festival.

★ An Aaronic Priesthood banquet was held honoring the young men who gained Individual Awards this past year. The banquet was held in the Drumchapel cultural hall Nov. 25th.

Sixty boys and their fathers enjoyed the dinner which was prepared by the stake presidency and served by the bishops.

Twenty-two young men gained the awards. For two of them, Robert Chandler and Alex Bauld, it was their forth consecutive award. All the boys voted the evening a success and were urged to make sure they are in attendance next year.

BIRTHS

★ Linda Nee Hart, formerly of the Crawley Branch, and who married Ward Rasmusen, announce the birth of a son, Ward Byron Rasmusen, Dec. 24, 1967, at Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A. Sister Hart served a mission in the British Mission.

★ Pres. Arthur F. Herbertson and Sister Herbertson of the Glasgow Stake had an addition to their family Dec. 4, 1967, a son who will be named Dale L. Herbertson.

★ November 7th, 1967 to Albert and Margaret Smith, Leicester Stake a son, Terence James Smith.

MARRIAGES



★ Jill Bleakley of Bangor, North Ireland, was married to William D. Curland of Beverly Hills, California, USA, on Oct. 7th in Holywood Road Chapel, Belfast, by Pres. Theron Asher Jr. of the Irish Mission.

Jill is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Bleakley and the reception was held at their home in Bangor. The Curlands are now living in Suffolk and attending the Ipswich Branch, but will leave for California next May.

Heather and Wendy Bleakley were bridesmaids and Bob Bleakley acted as best man.

★ Ellen Cowley, a former member of North Shields Branch, Sunderland Stake, was married to Richard W. Richards in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they are now living. The bridegroom has served a mission in the Sunderland Stake.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Pauline Turner and Alan Webster, both of the Norwich Branch, of the British Mission, are engaged.

They are planning to be married June 8, 1968 at the Norwich Branch.

★ David Cook of Oldham Ward to Jean Satcliffe of Leeds Ward on Dec. 9, 1967, at Leeds. Both now members of North London Ward, London Stake.

★ Peter Taylor, a former Church Builder, to Linda Fell of Scarborough Branch, North British Mission.



★ Eileen Lansdell also a former member of the North Shields Branch and now residing in Canada, was married to Kenneth Holmes of Ontario on Nov. 9th 1967, in Salt Lake City.

LDS National Students

Convention Set For March 29-31

★To all LDS Students and those engaged in further education in the British Isles.

On the weekend of 29-31st March of this year, that is, during the Easter Vacation, the first LDS National Students Convention in this country will be held in Leicester. It is being planned by the Oxford University Deseret Club, especially to meet the needs of the LDS Students in the British Isles.

Two themes, "The LDS Student in Church and community," and "Leadership—towards the Temple" will run parallel throughout the programme. They will be treated and expounded by students and by visiting speakers in sessions on Saturday morning and in a stimulating discussion programme on Saturday afternoon.

Visiting speakers will include J. W. Child, president of the British South Mission; George I. Cannon, president of the Central British Mission; Gwen Cannon, Millennial Star feature editor; Gilbert McCabe, former president of the University of Oxford Deseret Club; Roger E. G. Jones, Thames Valley District presidency; and others. They will tackle such subjects as "Morality, the Church and the community," "Missionary work in the University," "The Concept of Progression," "Personal Development through Leadership" and "Integration." The discussion groups will develop quite freely the topic of scientific, leadership and morality and the temple" under the guidance of experts in these fields

The convention will not be without its lighter side. A hoot-en-nanny and folk evening around the campfire is planned for Friday evening, with sports on Saturday afternoon and a grand stake and mission MIA ball on Saturday evening sponsored by the Deseret Club. For the more agile, an early morning cross-city race will bring Saturday nicely into perspective, and peace will be restored by a Book of Mormon study session.

Before the end of the convention on Sunday, a special priesthood meeting will be held in which Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor of the Millennial Star, will give the lesson. That will be followed by a testimony meeting and by a Sunday School with the Leicester Ward.

It will be a grand and invigorating weekend, and the cost will be low! Being the only LDS Student at a university can be frustrating! Come to the convention, and meet LDS students from all over the country. Have you received your brochure? If not, write for full details and booking form to: P. L. Joyce, secretary, University Oxford, Deseret Club, Wadham College, Oxford.

If you know any LDS Students who would enjoy the convention, send us their names and addresses, and we will do the rest.

See you 29-31st March at Leicester Chapel.

BIRMINGHAM 1970

by Ian Hinchliffe

★ "Please give support" was the cry raised throughout the Birmingham Ward and the support was there at Handsworth on Saturday, November 18th.

"Birmingham 1970" was the title of a light-hearted variety show staged by members of the Birmingham Ward to raise funds for a new chapel. The earlier pleadings of "Please give support" were replaced by demands of "Please give us more" as the audience applauded madly at the end of the production. It was a total success from beginning to end. At times when chaos could have struck (bearing in mind the time when the Bishop's false moustache fell off) the versatility and talent of the participants carried them through in good fashion.

President George I. Cannon and his family of the Central British Mission gave a comical rendering of a song concerning ears. There was hearty laughter as they pulled their ears about by means of some carefully concealed strings.

David Mace recited a piece of poetry in which King Harold, fighting in the Battle of Hastings, somehow managed to get mixed up with some football jargon. The result coming in the form

of an arrow in his eye—an offside goal to the Normans.

Sister Keyte and Grice took us back to the old vaudeville days with their rendering of "We're a Couple of Swells." Their dancing was as good as their singing of this number.

Bishop Tisdale, Brother Megeney and Sisters Reeves, Green and Billington acted a delightful sketch in which a thoroughly annoyed-with-the-weather couple staying at a boarding house were joined by a honeymoon couple. The sketch was very well acted and the Bishop caused an uproar when he looked out of a window and a bucketful of water showered over him.

A group from Woodsetton gave an impressive account of themselves with music from an electric organ, saxophone, guitar, drums and a vocalist. They were versatile and played pop as well as other types of songs.

Ruth Blower lived up to her billing as "Dame Ruth Blower." Her talent was evident in her rendering of "Alice Blue Gown" and an amusing nonsense song.

The Birmingham M.I.A. put on their entry in the stake Road Show as the finale. The theme was an English country garden and the angle which they took was that of soldiers returning from

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the wars to the gardens they loved and missed so much.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of the missionary chorus. They sang all their songs with such meaning and enthusiasm that the audience gave a standing ovation as they left the stage.

At all times the entertainment was professional and all who attended went away satisfied. It was not just those who acted on the stage who must be thanked, but also the people who helped paint and erect scenery, wrote the scripts and the sisters who arranged the refreshments for the interval.

Good show Birmingham Ward!

And in the words of the audience who supported the function "More! More!"



Lynda Hewitt, Loughborough Branch,
Leicester Stake.

GLIMPSES OF YOUTH

Lynda Hewitt Called As Missionary

★ Lynda Hewitt has been called as a full-time missionary to labour in the France-Belgium Mission. This is the fulfillment of a desire that first began when she had her patriarchal blessing. She said "I had an overwhelming desire to spread this true, simple gospel to others."

Her mission call came after many years of active participation in the Church. She was baptised with her father when she was nine years old. Since then she has held the positions of Primary teacher, Sunday School teacher and chorister and M.I.A. counsellor. For the past four years she has been the stake stenographer.

Lynda believes her mission will be a great opportunity for her to thank her Heavenly Father for His rich blessings. She concluded "I look on it as a great challenge to prove what I can do to try to repay the Lord for the wonderful blessings that He has given to me."

The Lord Can Count on Don

★ With all the excitement in the air, it was hard to realize that it was just the neighborhood kids playing their nightly soccer game. But it was getting dark now, and they were preparing to leave after Don's decisive last goal. Putting on their sweaters, they crowded around him and left the field in friendly chatter.

They reached Don's home first, and as the "see-you-later's" were being exchanged, Don walked in the door. His father was on the phone calling the home teachers in his elders quorum to make appointments for oral evaluations. Don could hear his mother in the kitchen. As he approached her, she turned from the sink, smiled, and said, "Hi there. While you were out Brother White, the ward clerk, called and said the bishop would like to meet with you tomorrow evening at seven in his office. Your Dad and I are to come, too."

Don was slightly startled and asked, "Did Brother White say what it was about?"

By this time his father was off the phone and had picked up the last part of the conversation. He answered, "No, Brother White didn't say, but it's

possible the Lord has some responsibility for you to fulfill."

Don looked at his father for a moment, then turned toward his room as many thoughts entered his mind.

The thoughts of the preceding ball game and his game-winning **last goal**, which had occupied his mind a few minutes before, had now been set aside, and he began reviewing some of the things that were to him more important than anything else. As he thought of meeting with the bishop, he remembered the time just a little over a year ago when he had met with the bishop to be interviewed regarding his desires to accept the responsibilities of the Aaronic Priesthood. To him, that was the biggest event of his life. His father and mother had talked to him many times about the blessings and responsibilities of the priesthood. Don remembered what his father had told him as they walked home after their first priesthood meeting together. He said, "Don, I don't know how a father could be more proud of a son than I am of you today. You are the bearer of the priesthood of God. Don't ever forget that, wherever you are or what-

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ever you may be doing."

As Don thought of his father's words, tears welled up in his eyes as they had done on that day. He loved his father and tried to live according to his counsel. He had always been proud to be a bearer of the priesthood.

After Don had prayed that night, he lay in bed with similar thoughts.

The next evening, Don and his parents drove over to the chapel. They entered the building and sat on some chairs outside the bishop's office. Within a few minutes, Bishop Walker came out of his office. He greeted Don's parents and then shook Don's hand and asked him to come in. Don's parents were informed that they would be asked to come into his office in a few minutes.

As Don walked in, he was greeted by Bishop Walker's counsellors.

For the next few minutes, Bishop Walker questioned Don as to his personal worthiness and his love for the Lord. When the bishop was satisfied concerning Don's complete qualification, he said, "Don, we have asked you to come here tonight to call you to a work that the Lord wants you to perform."

Don sensed a thrill run through him as he listened. "Bishop," he said, "I'm willing to do anything that the Lord wants me to do."

The bishop smiled at his counselors, turned to Don, and said, "We were sure you'd respond that way. And Don, the position that we feel inspired to call you to is the most important responsibility that can be given to a young man of your age."

Don, sensing the seriousness in the bishop's voice, looked intently at him.

"Don, the Lord wants you to preside

over the deacons quorum of our ward. But before you respond to this call, let me tell you how important and how vital the position of deacons quorum president is." The bishop reached for the Doctrine and Covenants, turned to Section 107, verse 85, and read slowly, "'And again, verily I say unto you, the duty of a president over the office of a deacon is to preside over twelve deacons, to sit in council with them, and to teach them their duty, edifying one another, as it is given according to the covenants.' Your duty as a deacons quorum president, Don, would be just what the Lord said—to counsel and to teach the members of your quorum."

Bishop Walker paused and said, "Don, I don't suppose you really understand this great responsibility that the Lord gives to a young thirteen-year-old boy. Maybe it would help you to understand if I compared the responsibilities of a deacons quorum president with the responsibilities that your father has as the elders quorum president. The Lord, in the Doctrine and Covenants, says this about the elders quorum president's responsibilities: '... the duty of the president over the office of elders is to preside over ninety-six elders, and to sit in council with them, and to teach them according to the covenants.' (D&C 107:89.) You see then," continued Bishop Walker, "the deacons quorum president has the same responsibility to his quorum as your father does to the elders quorum."

Bishop Walker turned to his second counsellor and said, "Brother Hanks, since you are concerned directly with the deacons quorum, could you mention to Don some of the specific things the Lord expects of a president of that quorum?"

"Well, Don," began Brother Hanks, "the specific responsibilities of this office are included in the handbook that is given to each quorum president. I'll refer to some of them: You, with your counselors, would preside over all weekly meetings. You would visit the sick and inactive members of the quorum. As a presidency, you would meet with your adviser and plan your activities, determine assignments, and review the records of each boy. The quorum presidency must also meet with each newly ordained deacon and explain the responsibilities of a deacon and the opportunities for exercising his priesthood, and have him commit himself to do his duty and to uphold the standards of the Church after they have been reviewed with him. Don, there are many other responsibilities that the president must fulfill, and if you accept this calling, you'll want to carefully review them as they appear in this handbook."

Bishop Walker smiled and said, "Don, can the Lord count on you to carry these responsibilities as our deacons quorum president?"

Don assuringly replied, "Yes, Bishop, I'll accept this call, and I'll do all the Lord expects."

"That's wonderful, Don," said the bishop. "Now would you invite your parents to come in."

The bishopric stood as Don's parents came in, and Bishop Walker said, "Don has accepted a call to be our deacons quorum president, and he's promised to fulfill all the expectations that the Lord has of this office. We will have Don counsel with us as to whom he would like to serve with him, and we want you as his parents to support and encourage him in this, the most important call that can come to a young man."

Don felt his father's arm around his shoulders, and his mother put her hand over his. His parents assured the bishop of their support and encouragement and then left the office.

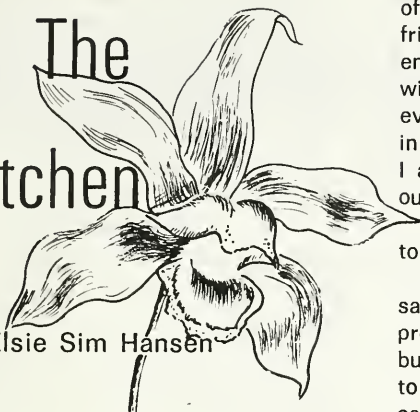
Don sensed as never before, that the Aaronic Priesthood was really the greatest trust that could be given a young man of his age, and he was determined to convey that realization to each boy in his deacons quorum.



Orchids

In The Kitchen

by Elsie Sim Hansen



★A thunderstorm was scissoring across the sky as I looked out of my living-room window. It would probably be raining any minute, I thought, as I placed a scarf over my head in preparation for dashing across the street to my neighbour's house to borrow a cup of powdered sugar.

As I entered Beth Jordan's kitchen and asked for the sugar, I noticed that she was ironing, and that she had a lovely white orchid on the shoulder of her house dress.

"Looks as if you have on your celebrating wings," I said, smiling, as I nodded my head in the direction of the orchid.

Beth's face flashed a faint pink, and she laughed as she said, "I suppose you could say I am celebrating, although I am not really going anywhere today. Randy and I celebrated our anniversary last night."

"It is a gorgeous orchid. I do not

believe I have ever seen a white one so large," I replied.

"I think it is sublime," Beth exclaimed. "That is why I didn't like the idea of shutting it away in a box in the refrigerator where I couldn't see it or enjoy its beauty. Of course, I realize it will not last long wearing it for awhile every day, but of what use is it lying in a dark refrigerator? I like to think I am getting as much joy and pleasure out of it as possible."

I was silent for a moment as if trying to digest the idea..

Beth glanced quickly at me as she said, "I feel sure other people have probably worn flowers in the house, but the idea might not have occurred to me if I hadn't helped my mother take care of grandmother's belongings when she died about a year ago."

"Is the idea a secret?" I asked. "And what has it to do with wearing corsages in the house?"

"Grandmother's house was just full of lovely gifts that people had given to her, including a cedar chest that was filled to the brim with embroidered pillow slips, dish towels, tablecloths, and many other things. Every thing was yellow with age. Mother said she had asked grandmother many times why she didn't use the articles, and grandmother always replied that she intended to when some special occasion arrived, only the occasion never came. Does that answer your questions?"

I felt a guilty feeling skip down my spine as I remembered all the gifts I had stored away, so I said defensively, "Not quite because I think it is a good idea to have some lovely linens stored away for special occasions."

"I do, too," Beth answered, "but not like grandmother did. Just think of the

time and effort friends and relatives expended in making the lovely gifts they gave to her. Now she is gone, and she didn't give herself any opportunity to enjoy them."

"Perhaps she received her pleasure in just knowing she had them," I suggested.

Beth looked at me skeptically for a moment, and then she said, "The scriptures tell us, 'For what doth it profit a man if a gift bestowed upon him,

and he receive not the gift?' Grandmother evidently never learned how to receive her gifts. Randy and I have decided to obtain as much joy and happiness out of our gifts now, today, as is possible."

As I picked up the cup of sugar from the drainboard, I said thoughtfully, "I am surely glad that I came over today, Beth. I realize now that it is about time for my family, and me, to start enjoying a few orchids of our own."

A careful man I ought to be—
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes.
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be
The little chap who follows me.

RECIPES FOR YOU



★ The cold blast of winter winds and the flurry of snow make warm, hearty meals a must for active families. These recipes are nourishing and good for cold-weather appetites.

PORK CHOPS

- 6 thick lean shoulder or loin pork chops
- Flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon fat
- 6 slices lemon
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup catchup
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar

Dredge the chops in flour, salt and pepper. Brown on both sides in fat. Arrange in a baking dish and put a slice of lemon on each chop. Mix catchup, water and brown sugar. Pour over the chops. Bake, uncovered in a moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes to an hour. Add a little more water towards the end of the baking time if needed.

Winter cabbage is delicious. Try cooking it this way for a crisp, flavourful vegetable.

- 1 quart shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cream

Melt the butter or margarine in a heavy sauce pan. Add the cabbage, cover and let cabbage steam over low heat for ten minutes. Mix sugar and vinegar and add to cooked cabbage. Stir in cream and serve immediately.

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INTERESTING PEOPLE



Go Thou And Do Likewise

★ T. Porteous Bolton, Maritime District Councilman of Newfoundland and Labrador, has been diligently attempting to spread the Gospel for the past few months. He sends out parcels of Church literature at his own expense to prominent people in the Province. These parcels contain a personal letter.

a copy of the Book of Mormon, and pamphlets entitled "Which Church is Right?" and Joseph Smith's testimony.

On December 14, 1967, with the aid of the Elders labouring in St John's the 609th. parcel was dispatched. It is anticipated that another 150 parcels will soon be sent to the teaching staff of



Left to right: Elder Garff G. Cannon, Elder Arthur J. Hobbs, Brother T. Porteous Bolton, Elder J. Gordon Reynolds, and Elder G. Stephen Chard.

the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

For the past eighteen months Brother Bolton has been writing an article each week on various aspects of Church activities and beliefs. The articles appear in the week-end edition of the St. John's "Daily News" and are published free of charge. These projects, sponsored by this prominent member of the community, make it easier for the Elders to get into the homes of the people.

Brother Bolton is now practising in Canada as an Architect and a Town Planner. He is at present busily engaged in preparing the plans to build the first Latter-Day Saint Chapel in St. John's, Newfoundland, the capital city of Canada's tenth Province.

Born in Preston, Lancashire, he is married with three daughters. The two youngest girls are at boarding school in Oxford and the eldest, Hilary, is in her third year at Brigham Young University. (Hilary's story of her conversion appeared in the October, 1967 issue of the Millennial Star.)

During his frequent visits to his Ellesborough country residence, located between Aylesbury and High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, Brother Bolton faith-

fully participates in the activities of the High Wycombe Branch in the British South Mission.

Brother Bolton is a convert. A little more than two and a half years ago the Elders rang the door bell of his apartment in St. John's, and four days later he was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church.

One of his New Year resolutions is to be even more active in urging others to follow his lead in spreading the Gospel. He encourages all Church members to distribute copies of the Book of Mormon and other Church literature to relatives, friends and prominent people in their own districts.

He reminds us that a number of our great leaders in the Church were converted after reading the Book of Mormon. This is true of Brigham Young, the second president of the Church and Heber C. Kimball, who preached the first Latter-day Saint sermon outside of America at Preston, Lancashire in 1837.

"Why not make a similar New Year resolution?" Brother Bolton asks. He concludes "Go thou and do likewise. Set the seeds and help to gather in due season a bumper crop, the finest harvest of souls ever, in this part of the Lord's Vineyard."



Origin of Man

History vs Prehistory

by Melvin A. Cook

Brother Cook is a professor of metallurgy at the University of Utah and is widely known for his research in explosives.

★ Mark each of the following quotations true or false:

1. "Between five and six thousand years ago in a few favoured areas of the world, man firmly mastered the formulas that released him from an immeasurably long past of savagery, barbarism, and nomadism . . . For the first time in his history on earth he became aware of his humanity. He became civilized."

2. "And God said, Let us make man in our own image after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man . . . the sixth day."

3. "Perhaps the most important turning point in human history occurred thousands of years before anyone could record it. This was the point in time when, after nearly two million years of vagabond hunting, man settled in villages and began domesticating animal and cultivating crops. Within a short one thousand years or so, the seed of civilization was planted, setting off a vastly accelerated pace of cultural and technological development that has enabled man to progress from mud huts to moon shots."

4. "And it came to pass that after I, the Lord God, had driven them out that Adam began to till the earth, and to have dominion over all the beasts of the field, and to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow, as I the Lord had commanded him. And Eve also, his wife, did labour with him."

5. " . . . a book of remembrance was kept, in the which was recorded, in

the language of Adam, for it was given unto as many called upon God to write by the spirit of inspiration; and by them their children were taught to read and write, having a language that was pure and undefiled."

Most modern science teachers would expect their students to give the following answers:

No. 1. True. After all, this is the opening paragraph of the "authentic" book "The Horizon Book of Lost Worlds," published by American Heritage Publishing Company. In spite of its supposed "authenticity" and Biblical confirmation that man did start tilling the soil nearly six thousand years ago, this quotation is **false**.

No. 2. False. After all, Genesis 1:26-31 is generally interpreted in modern scientific circles as well as by many religious authorities as mere mythology. This quotation is nevertheless **true**.

No. 3 True. After all, the works of competent archaeologists, particularly those using such modern techniques as radiocarbon for dating, should be considered authentic, shouldn't they? This statement comes from the article "Searching for the Beginnings of Civilized Man," by Gene Bylinsky published in **Fortune** in October, 1966. Still I would mark it **false**.

No. 4. False. After all, tilling of the soil is supposed to be a relatively very recent development in the supposed two-million year evolution of homo sapiens. Not so; Moses 5:1 is still **true**.

No. 5. False. After all, scientists generally reject the idea that man has been able to read and write from his very beginning on earth. Like the supposed evolution of life, reading and writing were supposed to have evolved very slowly over endless ages. Don't believe it; Moses 6:5-6 is **true**.

There is a strong tendency among

archaeologists to overdate their discoveries possibly to remove them as far as possible from Bible history. This tendency may have caused the "most ancient known civilization" of the Sumerians, Egyptians, and Babylonians to be overdated about a millenium. All of these now "well known" civilizations were probably post-Diluvian, all previous ones probably being erased by sudden deep burial of (nearly) all earth life converting it (under the tremendous Diluvial debris) to the oil and coal comprising most of our current inventory of fossil fuels. This tendency for 'overdating' has caused archaeologists to lose touch with the true origins, e.g., ancient Egypt was really founded by Ham's descendants around 2,500 B.C., not 6,000 B.C. Moses, not Hammurabi was the great original law-giver, and a connection may exist between the Israelites in bondage in Egypt and the Sphinx and Pyramids. After all, such tremendous effort and know-how as was required for these ancient wonders could be easily explained as the work of the Israelite slaves in Egypt in Moses' day. Cheops is currently dated at 2575 B.C.; he was probably born nearly a thousand years later!

Today archaeologists are straining as never before to find evidence for still earlier dates for the "dawn of civilization." "Jarmo," a recently discovered ancient civilization, for instance, is said to have begun around 6750 B.C. based on radiocarbon dating. Columbia University archaeologists, Ralph and Rose Solecki, claimed that their recent discoveries at Zawi Chemi Shanidar, not far from Jarmo, were about 9,000 years old based again on radiocarbon dating. T. C. Young and P. E. L. Smith mentioned the discovery

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of a cave in Iran "occupied from about 35,000 B.C. until recent times," and a farming village "founded about 8,500 B.C."

Archaeologists generally look for sites "like Jarmo rich in animal bones and charcoal that can be dated by radiocarbon . . . to reconstruct, in complete sequence, the emergence of domesticated animals and plants." How justified are they in such claims for antiquity? Quoting again from Bylinski: "A variety of new scientific techniques is helping to expand the scope and meaning of the remote history of man. **First and foremost is radiocarbon, or carbon 14, dating**, which reaches about seventy thousand years into the past . . . To reach much further back in time, scientists have developed potassium-argon dating, a somewhat similar 'atomic clock,' which can tell the age of rocks billions of years old and has cast new light on man's beginning as a toolmaker nearly two million years ago . . ."

While expressing a widely held modern viewpoint, this statement is wholly unreliable. In the first place the idea that radiocarbon is useful for dating specimens 70,000 years old is absurd. Generally authorities claim only 40,000 years for the time resolution by radiocarbon (half-life 5760 years), but even this is still much too extravagant. Six half-life periods of accuracy is already plus or minus one percent accuracy; 70,000 years for radiocarbon usefulness would require still a hundred times better accuracy. As unrealistic as these claims are, still far more serious is the fact that radiocarbon method has in it a basic error that becomes increasingly bad as time increases. Radiocarbon is not in equilibrium or "steady state" in the atmosphere; it is out of equilibrium by more

than 40 percent, a fact pointed out more than a decade ago and verified among other physicists by Lingenfelter (**Review of Geology**, January 1963) and Ness. et al. (Journal of Geological Research, 1961). This situation is detailed in "Prehistory and Earth Models" and Science and Mormonism," the latter book coauthored by my son, M. Garfield Cook. Moreover, Dr. W. F. Libby, Nobel prize winning author of the radiocarbon method, acknowledged in a symposium reported in **Science** (August 11, 1967, p. 726) that radiocarbon is still increasing in the atmosphere. By his own arguments this would mean that the entire atmosphere itself is less than 30,000 years old!

The (correct) application of the carbon-14 method, which takes into account nonequilibrium in the atmosphere, reduces assigned radiocarbon dates quite appreciably, especially the oldest ones. In fact it telescopes all dated specimens to less than 10,000 years old!

While the (corrected) radiocarbon method is at least tractable both experimentally and mathematically (there are no other reliable methods), is it utterly fantastic that science would permit the claims that potassium-argon dating can or has "cast new light on man's beginning as a toolmaker nearly two million years ago." The half-life of K-40 is more than a billion years so that this claim would require a time resolution of around a thousandth of a half-life of the radioactive parent substance, K-40. With ingenious precision this sort of resolution may be possible in the laboratory but certainly not in any natural environment. This becomes quite clear when one realises that natural argon-40 comprises more than a hundred times as much A-40 not generated by K-40 decay as that which

would be generated by the radioactive decay of K-40 even in the supposed 4.5 billion years of earth history.

Based on careful and extensive study of the scientific dating methods available to archeologists, it is my considered opinion that there is no scientific basis for archeologists' claims that they have found civilizations predating the Biblical Flood, nor is there sound, indisputable evidence for the widespread claim that man existed on the earth before Adam who lived five to six millenia ago. While the history of mankind given in Genesis is generally regarded today as a myth, in my opinion it is conventional "prehistory," not Genesis, that is the myth. In fact, the evidence itself is strikingly consistent with the Biblical story of origins. Even archaeologists agreed that civilizations began in or around Mt. Ararat (actually near Jarmo) where the ark came to rest at the end of the Flood. Furthermore they agree that civilizations spread from there first to the fertile

alluvial plains of Mesopotamia (Sumerian and Babylonian civilizations), and into Egypt, then into the Indus valley and the Far East, and into Crete, Anatolia, Etruscan and elsewhere. The observed **flow of civilization** thus conforms with the history given, rudimentarily to be sure, in the Old Testament.

Speculations are not evil as long as their authors recognize them as such. It is when one deceitfully couches guesses pure and simple in scientific jargon and asserts authoritative status for them that they become dangerous. Conventional prehistory **hides** its mythology behind a maze of scientific jargon so elaborate and appealing that even children feel free to attack those who may challenge it. The most serious condemnation of "historical geology" is that it tacitly contradicts sacred history and ignores the Biblical keys of understanding that could give deep and penetrating insight into antiquity if they were but used to orient scientific study.

General Conference Dates

★ General Conference dates for 1968 and the auxiliary conferences have been announced by The First Presidency.

The 138th Annual General Conference will be held April 5, 6 and 7 the semi-annual Conference, October 4, 5 and 6.

General Priesthood meetings will be held Saturday nights April 6 and Oct. 5.

The Sunday School semi-annual conferences will be held April 7 and Oct. 6.

The Relief Society annual conference will be held October 2 and 3.

The Primary Association annual conference is scheduled April 3 and 4.

The MIA June Conference will be held June 28, 29 and 30.

Elder Benson Delivers

Joseph Smith

Memorial Address

by

Elder Ezra Taft Benson

of the Council of the Twelve



The following is the full text of the annual Joseph Smith Memorial address delivered at the LDS Institute of Religion at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, on Dec. 3, 1967.

★ Humbly and gratefully I stand before you this Sabbath Day. Humbled by the overwhelming assignment which is mine—grateful for the ever-increasing number of our Father's children who

have received the witness that Joseph Smith is truly a prophet of the living God.

As a weak but divinely called special witness of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony, at the outset, that God our Father in Heaven lives—that Jesus is the Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer and that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God—the representative of the Lord who stands today at the head of this the last and greatest of all gospel dispensations. This I know with all my heart and thank God for this priceless knowledge.

It is my testimony also that that glorious event—the first vision of the boy prophet Joseph Smith, which ushered in this last dispensation—is the most important happening in this world since the resurrection of the Master.

I have reviewed his masterful and inspiring sermons given here at the Institute annually extending over more than a quarter of a century. Given each year near the birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr., they have covered in a comprehensive way the life and labors of the Prophet in a most fitting and commendable manner.

Then too, as I have thumbed through more than a score of volumes on the Prophet in my own library and recalled there are, it is reported, more than 1,600 separate volumes and more than 20,000 books and pamphlets which refer to the prophet in the library of the Church, I am prompted to ask, what except testimony and further witness can be added as we honour our greatest countryman around the world and acknowledge him as a prophet-representative of the Lord Jesus Christ without a peer.

We live in an age of doubt, faithlessness and sin when even eternal verities

are being questioned and discarded. Many of the pulpits of the land are being turned into pipelines to collectivism—preaching the social gospel and denying the basic Christian concepts and the very existence of God and the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I have reflected on world conditions and reviewed the life and mission of a true and stalwart prophet of God, two impressively true and courageous statements have come to me again and again.

The first from an immortal poet—whom some refer to as a minor prophet. James Russell Lowell lived during the time of the Prophet Joseph, I quote from his inspired poem of courage, *The Present Crisis*:

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide;

In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;

Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight, Parts he goats upon the left hand and the sheep on the right.

And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record.

One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;

Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—

Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,

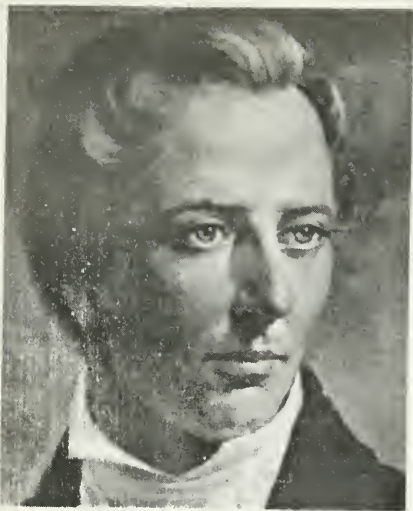
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

Then to side with Truth is noble when we share her wretched crust,

Ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis properous be just;

Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside,

Doubting in his abject spirit, till his Lord is crucified



Joseph Smith the American Prophet.

And the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

Yes, time is on the side of truth—on the side of God's prophet.

The other item comes from the sorrowing followers in the dark days following the martyrdom of him who went "like a lamb to the slaughter" but who was "calm as a summer's morning" because he had a "conscience void of offense towards God, and towards all men."

Hear the words of his sorrowing followers:

"To seal the testimony of this book and the Book of Mormon, we announce the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the Prophet, and Hyrum Smith the Patriarch. They were shot in Carthage jail, on the 27th of June, 1844, about five o'clock p.m., by an armed mob—painted black—of from 150 to 200 persons.

"Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty

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years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God, and has been the means of publishing it on two continents; has sent the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants, and many other wise documents and instructions for the benefit of the children of men; gathered many thousands of the Latter-day Saints, founded a great city, and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood . . ."

(D&C 135:1-3)

Thus did the Prophet Joseph Smith climax his earth life and fulfill the mortal part of his divinely appointed mission. This mortal mission, he had made clear, was not to end until fully completed. Like the mission of the Saviour, "a lamb slain before the foundation of the world," Joseph was truly foreordained to his great mission.

To get a vision of the magnitude of the prophet's earthly mission we must view it in the light of eternity. He was among "the noble and great ones" whom Abraham described as follows:

"Now the Lord had shown unto me Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones;

"And God saw these souls that they were good in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and

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The Original Apostles of Our Lord*

No.**	Name	Other Names	Parents	Home	Business	Writings	Work	Death
1.	Simon	Peter ³ Cephas ("Cephas" is Aramaic equivalent to the Greek "petros" or "Rock.") ¹ Simeon ³ Symeon ¹ The Brother of Andrew ²	Father was Jona, Jonas or John ¹	Bethsaida; Capernaum ¹	Fisherman with Andrew, Zebedee and latter's sons, James and John ³	Source of I <i>Peter</i> , II <i>Peter</i> , (? <i>Mark</i>) ¹	Leader among the Apostles; missionary to Jews far as Rome ¹ President of the Church in the Meridian of Time ² With James (3) and John (4), conferred Melchizedek priesthood upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery ²	Crucified c. A.D. 68 head downward at Rome ¹ (tradition)
2.	Andrew	The Brother of Peter ²	Same as Peter's ²	Bethsaida; Capernaum	Fisherman with Peter, Zebedee and latter's two sons, James and John ³		Preached in Scythia, Greece and Asia Minor (tradition) ¹	Crucified at Patrae in Achaia on a cross shaped like an "X" ¹ (tradition)
3.	James	The Elder ¹ The son of Zebedee ⁴ With brother John, the "Boanerges" or "Sons of Thunder" ⁴	Father: Zebedee Mother: Salome, a sister of Mary and thus a cousin of Jesus ¹	Bethsaida and Jerusalem ¹	Fisherman with father, Zebedee; brother, John; also, Peter and Andrew ⁵		Preached in Jerusalem and Judaea ¹ "Special witness" for Christ along with Peter and John ² Member of Presidency ⁵	Beheaded by Herod c. A.D. 44 at Jerusalem (Acts 12:2.)
4.	John	The Beloved The son of Zebedee. With brother James, the "Boanerges" or "Sons of Thunder"	Father: Zebedee Mother: Salome ¹	Bethsaida and Jerusalem ¹	Fisherman with Zebedee, Andrew, Peter and James ³	Source of <i>John</i> , I <i>John</i> , II <i>John</i> , & III <i>John</i> , & <i>Revelation</i> ³	Laboring among the churches of Asia Minor, especially Ephesus ¹ Banished to island of Patmos ⁵	Lived over a century. No knowledge of last days ^{2, 5}

5. Philip		Bethsaida ¹			Preached in Phrygia, Asia Minor; ^{1, 2} also, Caesarea and Sumaria ⁵	Died at Hierapolis in Phrygia ¹ (tradition)
6. Bartholomew	Nathaniel ³ Nathanael ¹	Talmai ³	Canā of Galilee ²		Preached in Southern Arabia, perhaps he served as a missionary in Armenia and Asia Minor ²	Played to death or crucified ^{1, 2} (tradition)
7. Matthew	Son of Alphaeus ³ Levi ²	Father: Alphaeus ¹	Capernaum ²	Tax Collector ² (publican) ⁴	Source of <i>Matthew</i> ³	Died a martyr in Ethiopia ¹ (tradition)
8. Thomas	Didymus ²		a Galilean ²	An apocryphal gospel bears his name ¹	Traditionally a missionary to Parthia and Persia, also India ³	Martyred, shot by arrows while in prayer ¹
9. James	The Less ² The Younger ² Son of Alphaeus ²	Alphaeus or Clopas and Mary ^{1, 6}	a Galilean ²	A limited number of scholars attribute the <i>Epistle of James</i> to this James ³	Preached in Palestine and Egypt ¹	Crucified in Egypt ¹ or stoned by Jews for preaching Christ ²
10. Simon	The Cananaean, Canaanite, Zelotes or the Zealot ¹		Galilee ²			Crucified ¹ (tradition)
11. Judas	The brother (or son) of James (9), Jude, Thaddaeus, Lebbaeus or "not Iscariot" ¹		a Galilean ²	If he is brother of James who was brother of Jesus, he may have been author of <i>The Epistle of Jude</i> . A majority of scholars doubt this ¹	Preached in Assyria and Persia; ¹ also, preached in Syria and at Edessa ² (In all cases traditional)	Martyred in Persia ¹ or crucified in Egypt and buried there or in Beirut ² (All traditional)
12. Judas	Iscariot ¹	Simon Iscariot ⁶	Kerioth ⁶			Suicide ²

¹Compiled by Boyd O. Hatch.

²See *Linka* 6, 12-16.

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⁴*Our Prophecy and Principles, The Instructor*, 1956.

⁵"Dictionary of the Bible", John A. Dickson Publishing Co.; 1947.

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⁷"Ancient Apostles by David O. McKay, Deseret Sunday School Union, 1952.

⁸"International Bible Dictionary, John C. Winston Co., 1912.

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he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born."

(Abraham 3:22-23)

So it was with Joseph Smith. He too was there. He too sat in council with the noble and great ones. Occupying a promineat place of honour and distinction he unquestionably helped in the planning and execution of the great work of the Lord to "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man," the salvation of all our Father's children. His mission had had and was to have, impact on all who had come to earth; all who then dwelt on earth and the millions yet unborn.

The Prophet Joseph Smith made this eternal fact clear in the words: "Every man who has a calling to minister to the inhabitants of the world was ordained to that very purpose in the grand council of heaven before this world was. I suppose that I was ordained to this very office in that grand council. It is the testimony that I want that I am God's servant, and this people His people."

The calling and testing of men for assignment of responsibility in the great work of salvation is, no doubt, going on on both sides of the veil. The calling of men to sacred office is not confined to earth life only. There is organization, direction and assignment in pre-earth life and in post-earth life also.

The greatest activity in this world or in the world to come is directly related to the work and mission of Joseph Smith—man of destiny—prophet of God. That work is the salvation and eternal life of man. For that great purpose this earth was created—prophets of God are called—heavenly messengers are sent

forth—and on sacred and important occasions even God the Father of us all condescends to come to earth and to introduce His Beloved Son.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was not only "one of the noble and great ones," but he gave and continues to give attention to important matters here on the earth even today from the realms above. For in the eyes of the Lord—the God of this world under the Father—it is all one great eternal programme in which the Prophet Joseph plays an important role—all through the eternal priesthood and authority of God.

Sometimes the veil becomes very thin. Faithful men and women do sometimes get glimpses of eternity—assurance that the work here and in the realm beyond the veil is all one great programme of a loving Father for the blessing of His children.

The very nearness of the world beyond was brought forcibly to the attention of my own family through the passing of a noble woman (Barbara S. Amussen) of this city—a temple officiator for more than a score of years in the Logan Temple. I know that the veil may become thin indeed.

Yes, the glorious work of salvation and exaltation goes on over there with the knowledge and, at least to some extent, the direction of the work here on this side of the veil. And in this direction the Prophet Joseph Smith, head of the greatest and last gospel dispensation occupies a sacred place.

Let me give you one convincing item of evidence. There are others.

You will recall that President Heber J. Grant was chosen to be an apostle October 13, 1882 at 26 years of age. Referring to this calling he said, that from October 1882 until February 1883,

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he was in a most unhappy frame of mind. He felt that he was unworthy to be an Apostle and should resign. This troubled him greatly.

While on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona during a visit to one of the stakes, he was riding horseback alone pondering on this situation when he seemed to hear a discussion going on in a council in heaven about the vacancies that existed in the Quorum prior to his calling. In this council he Saviour, the prophet Joseph Smith, his father, Jedediah M. Grant, and others were present. They discussed whom they wanted chosen and decided that the way to remedy this situation was to send a special revelation to the President of the Church.

"It was made known to me," said President Grant, "that the Prophet Joseph Smith and my father asked that I be called to that position . . . It was also made clear to me that from that day on it depended upon me and me alone whether I made a success or failure of my life." That settled forever the question that troubled him.

Yes, we operate through the Lord's organization on both sides of the veil. And in this all-important operation the prophet plays a most important leadership responsibility.

It is but reasonable to believe that ancient prophets were permitted to see and rejoiced over the ushering in of this our great gospel dispensation preparatory to the coming of the Lord in glory. They no doubt rejoiced in the forthcoming mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. At least one such saw the coming of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and had a record made more than 150 years ago, which record Joseph Smith, the prophet translated under the gift and power of God.

Some 600 years B.C., Lehi, an Israelitish prophet under the direction of the Lord, just before the destruction of Jerusalem, led a small colony to this western continent. Father Lehi, a direct descendent of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, brought with him sacred records including some of the sacred writings of their famous ancestor Joseph. Favoured of the Lord Joseph was shown what would befall some of his posterity in our day.

Lehi, quoting from the writings of Joseph declared to his posterity:

"Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus saith the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers.

"And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation."

(2 Nephi 3:7, 15)

As the earthly representative of the Lord Jesus Christ and his great church, many revelations were received by the Prophet. From time to time the Lord made crystal clear his support of the Prophet and admonished the Church and individuals thereof to give heed to the prophet's counsel and support him in his holy calling.

In section 20 of the Doctrine & Cov-

enants, given the same month in which the Church was organized, containing instructions regarding the duties of members and the functions of officers in the Priesthood, the Lord begins the revelation in these words:

"The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April—

"Which commandments were given to Joseph Smith, Jun., who was called of God, and ordained an apostle of Jesus Christ, to be the first elder of this church;

"And this according to the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, both now and forever. Amen."

(D&C 20:1, 2, 4)

The Lord assured the Prophet that "there is no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and if any man lift his voice against you he shall be confounded in mine own due time." (D&C 71:9-10)

How often in the life of the prophet and following his martyrdom was this promise fulfilled.

Brigham Young understood this when he declared to enemies of the Prophet who were secretly plotting the life of Joseph: "You cannot destroy the appointment of a prophet of God; but you can cut the thread that binds you to the prophet of God and sink yourself to hell."

The Lord admonished his church that "if ye desire the glories of the kingdom, appoint ye my servant Joseph

Smith Jr., and uphold him before me by the prayer of faith."

Of this prophet of God—Joseph Smith—men of the world have appraised him as an unusual man of destiny. Many have seen him as a man of character—a man of courage—a man of deep spiritual insight.

One of the best known statements is from Josiah Quincy, mayor of Boston who the Prophet took on a tour of Nauvoo. A genius in sizing up men, he later published an essay on the Prophet in his book, "Figures of the Past" which included the following:

"It is by no means improbable that some future textbook for the use of generations yet unborn will contain a question something like this: 'What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his countrymen?' And it is by no means impossible that the answer to that interrogatory may be thus written: 'Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet.' And the reply, absurd as it doubtless seems to most men now living, may be an obvious commonplace to their descendants. History deals in surprises and paradoxes quite as startling as this."

Quincy ends his essay as follows:

"Born in the lowest ranks of poverty, without book-learning and with the homeliest of all human names, he had made himself at the age of thirty-nine a power upon the earth. Of the multitudinous family of Smith, none had so won human hearts and shaped human lives as this Joseph. His influence, whether for good or evil, is potent today, and the end is not yet."

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September 4, 1843 a writer in the New York Times declared:

"This Joe Smith must be set down as an extraordinary character, a prophet hero, as Carlyle might call him. He is one of the great men of his age, and in future history will rank with those who, in one way or another, have stamped their impress strongly upon society.

"It is no small thing, in the blaze of this nineteenth century, to give to men a new revelation, found a new religion, establish new forms of worship, to build a city with new laws, institutions, and orders of architecture, to establish ecclesiastical, civil, and military jurisdiction, found colleges, send out missionaries, and make proselytes on two hemispheres. Yet all this has been done by Joe Smith, and that against every sort of opposition, ridicule and persecution."

Stephen A. Douglas, the "little giant" as he was known in the Congress of the United States, said of the Prophet Joseph:

"If I could command the following of Joseph Smith, I would resign my seat in Congress and go out to Oregon. In five years a noble state might be formed, and if they would not receive us into the union, we would have a government of our own."

From the "Weekly Bostonian" of about August, 1842, comes this interesting statement:

"Smith is decidedly the greatest original of the present day. He carries all before him when he undertakes an enterprise—knows no impediment—and never halts in his course till he has accomplished his object. His post, at the head of the Mormons, is a conspicuous one, and a few years, with such advancement as he has met with for

the past year, will give him a numberless host of followers. We should not be surprised if he should become as omnipotent as ever the Pope was in his palmiest days. He is a genius—and a rare one—and all the armies of Satan, should they confront him in a solid phalanx, would be sure to meet with sore discomfiture, if not complete annihilation. The true philosophy of 'go-a-headity'—the quintessence of concentrated moral and spiritual energy, fears no combat, and although, we cannot say it exactly courts danger, it never flies from a post of duty on its approach. We have so high an opinion of Joe Smith, that we intend to open a correspondence with him, in order to acquaint ourselves with all his secret springs of action, and thus get all the secrets of his success, public and private, worldly and ecclesiastical."

From the interesting little volume, "Joseph The Prophet As He Lives in the Hearts of His People" by Daryl Chase, then director of the Logan Institute of Religion, comes this unusual statement from the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier:

"Once in the world's history we were to have a Yankee Prophet, and have had in Joseph Smith. For good or for evil he has left his track on the great highway of life, or to use the words of Horne 'knocked out for himself a window in the wall of the nineteenth century' whence his rude, bold, good-humored face will peer out upon the generations to come."

I hope the good Lord has permitted Whittier to meet the "Yankee Prophet" in the realms above.

Much has been written and said about the Prophet. His life was an open book. He preached many sermons, wrote letters and epistles, translated the Book

of Mormon (two-thirds the size of the Bible) and the Book of Abraham and has given us scores of revelations and six volumes of journal history. Yet no one apparently has undertaken a comprehensive biography. Why? Is it too much for mere man to undertake ?—to write the story of him who declares "no man knows my history."

Summaries of his noble and inspired achievements have been attempted. One sometimes quoted is from a significant book published some thirty years ago by the well known Macmillan Company with principal offices in New York, London and Toronto. On the flyleaf of this 400-page volume appears a statement, now slightly updated, essentially as follows:

"Here is a man who is born in the dark hills of Vermont; who was reared in the backwoods of New York; who never looked inside a college or high school; who lived in six States, no one of which would own him during his lifetime; who spent months in the vile prisons of the period; who, even when he had his freedom, was hounded like a fugitive; who was covered once with a coat of tar and feathers and left for dead; who, with his following, was driven by irate neighbours from New York to Ohio, from Ohio to Missouri, and from Missouri to Illinois; and who, at the unripe age of thirty-eight, was shot to death by a mob with painted faces.

"Yet this man became mayor of the biggest town in Illinois and the state's most prominent citizen, the commander of the largest body of trained soldiers in the nation outside the Federal Army, the founder of cities and of a university, and aspired to become President of the United States.

"He wrote a book which has baffled the literary critics for more than a hundred and thirty years and which is today more widely read than any other

volume save the Bible. On the threshold of an organizing age he established the most nearly perfect social mechanism in the modern world, and developed a religious philosophy that challenges anything of its kind in history, for completeness and cohesion. And he set up the machinery for an economic system that would take the brood of Fears out of the heart of man—the fear of want through sickness, old age, unemployment, and poverty.

"In fifty-three nations are men and women who look upon him as a greater leader than Moses and a greater prophet than Isaiah; his disciples now number over two million; and already a granite shaft pierces the sky over the place where he was born, and another over the place where he . . . received the inspiration for his Book."

This book from which I have quoted is titled *Joseph Smith, An American Prophet*, I testify to you that Joseph Smith was and is a prophet of God—one of the truly great prophets of all time.

The above is but a weak and inadequate summary of the life and accomplishments of a man of destiny—a man of character—a man of courage—a man of deep spirituality—a God-like prophet of the Lord—a truly noble and great one of all time.

Joseph Smith the Prophet went willingly to his death. He sealed his testimony with his life—his own blood. On that fateful day, 123 years ago in Nauvoo, Illinois, as he looked back upon his city and the people whom he loved, on his way to Carthage Jail and his martyrdom, he declared:

"This is the loveliest place and the best people under the heavens; little do they know the trials that await them."

(DHC 6, 554)

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Later the Prophet said feelingly, but calmly and courageously:

"I am going like a lamb to the slaughter, but I am as calm as a summer's morning. I have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward all men. If they take my life I shall die an innocent man, and my blood shall cry from the ground for vengeance, and it shall be said of me, 'He was murdered in cold blood!'" (Ibid, 6, 555.)

Following his martyrdom his saddened and devoted followers who revered him as a prophet of God issued to the world a statement which appears in a sacred volume of scripture, the Doctrine and Covenants, and from which we have quoted briefly. (D&C 135)

Yes, the fourteen-year-old boy stood true against the world. God knew his son when he was chosen. He knew he would be loyal and true even to the death, "He had known Joseph and his loyalty and dependability in the Grand Council in Heaven before the foundations of the world were laid."

Only thirty-eight years, six months and four days old when he was martyred, he stands alone without a peer among men of all time. As a translator of scriptures, a revealer of new truth regarding the origin and destiny of man, as a builder and as a leader and inspirer of men he is without a mortal equal.

President J. Reuben Clark has given this concise capsule summary of the life and labours of this young man of destiny—prophet of the living God.

"He led his people through years of tragic persecutions, of burnings, plunderings, robbery, rapings, and butchery. He founded cities, erected buildings, built two temples, planned two others, and for one of them the cornerstone was laid. Men followed him

to their death, because they loved him and the Cause for which he stood. He led alike in prosperity and in disaster, and the Saints never stood closer to him than when fiendish persecution threatened their very existence. He performed mighty miracles. He was visited by heavenly messengers. The Father and Son came themselves to him. All of this before he was forty years old,—a record unequalled by any other mortal in the world's history."

In view of his divinely inspired record and the ever accumulating evidence of this prophetic powers, it is easy to understand why his rapidly increasing followers around the world join in saying: "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah! Jesus annointed that Prophet and Seer—Blessed to open the last dispensation; Kings shall extol him and nations revere."

Yes Joseph Smith, the latter-day Prophet, was an instrument in the hands of the Lord in opening a new gospel dispensation—the last and greatest of all gospel dispensations

He witnessed and participated in the greatest event that has transpired in this world since the resurrection of the Master.

Here is a partial description, in his own words, of that great and all-important event;

"After I had retired to the place where I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desires of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame me, and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me

for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction.

"But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction—not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvelous power as I had never before felt in any being—just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

"It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Joseph Smith 2:11-75)

This glorious vision of God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, in broad daylight, in the spring of 1820, is the greatest event that has transpired in this world since the resurrection of our Lord.

Joseph Smith Jr., who witnessed it, was and is a prophet of God. Today some 12,000 missionaries and more than two million members of the Church throughout the free world bear witness of this important fact.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, founded and directed by a prophet of God, has been before the world for 137 years. It has met mob-deception by wicked men, and prejudice and misunderstandings by many people throughout the world.

Yet, in spite of widespread opposition, ambassadors of truth have carried, from the very beginning, and are today carrying to the world the all-important message of the Restored Church as directed by Joseph Smith the Prophet.

Paraphrasing the words of Apostle Paul: This thing has not been done in a corner." (Acts 26:26)

The world has generally revered the ancient prophets dead and rejected the living ones. It was so with Joseph Smith. Truth is often on the scaffold—error on the throne. But time is on the side of truth for truth is eternal.

The message of Mormonism is a world message. It is the truth. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a world organization.

In the early days of the Restored Church, the Lord, in a revelation to Joseph Smith, addressing all of his children, both in and out of the restored Church said this:

'Hearken, O ye people of my church, said the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

"For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated. . . .

"And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, who I have chosen in these last days.

"And they shall go forth, and none shall stay them" for I the Lord have commanded them.

"Behold this is mine authority, and

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the authority of my servants, and my preface unto the book of my commandments, which I have given them to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth. "Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear: . . .

"Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments;

"And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I, the Lord, am well pleased, speaking unto the Church collectively, and not individually—" (D&C 1:1-2, 4-6, 11, 17 30.)

These are the words of Jesus Christ to his prophet and all the world.

The message of Joseph Smith—the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—the message of Mormonism—is the most important message in this world. And Joseph Smith, the prophet, who lives today, continues to have an important part in its direction here on earth.

The Church is a world organization—the true Church of Jesus Christ restored to the earth in its fulness—and is intended to bless all of our Father's children.

These things I know and bear humble witness.

God lives, Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world, with his latter-day base of operations here in America, and Joseph Smith was and is a prophet of the living God.

This is my witness and testimony to all the world in humility and gratitude, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

CHASTITY

"Teach your sons to honour and revere, to protect to the last, pure womanhood; teach your daughters that their most priceless jewel is a clean, undefiled body; teach both sons and daughters that chastity is worth more than life itself." —J. Reuben Clark, Jr.



Joseph,

The Seer of God

★ In complete fulfilment of the prediction of Moroni to Joseph Smith, the name of the latter-day prophet has indeed been heard for good or ill the world around.

But there is a greater honour ascribed to him than previously. With the growing strength of the Church and the increased understanding of the true mission of Joseph Smith, more and more people recognize him for what he truly was—a prophet of God.

Time has been on the side of the Prophet Joseph. As the years have gone by, and new knowledge has been made available through scholarly research, and as men have become sated with medieval views so unsuited to the age in which we now live, a new day has dawned for the world.

In a little more than a century mankind has come to recognize a fact for which Joseph Smith was persecuted most. He said there has been a departure from original Christianity.

No one in possession of the facts any longer believes that the Gospel as given by the Saviour when He was in mortality has existed in its purity down through the ages.

No well-informed person now thinks that the Church organization as established by the Saviour in mortality has survived the centuries.

Everyone who knows the facts recognizes and acknowledges now that there has been a tremendous change in the views, doctrines and organization of Christian churches as the years have rolled on.

And they recognize the need of returning to Christ's basic doctrines!

Hence the ecumenical councils which have been held; hence the public statements of high church officials that religions long since considered infallible and unchangeable, now must be altered to more nearly resemble the teachings of the Bible.

It was most significant that one of the world's great religious leaders, associated with a church whose claims to infallibility have persisted over the centuries, now announces that his church must be brought back to Christ and the Bible.

Critics of Joseph Smith argued a hundred years ago that Mormonism could not be true because it refuted some of the basic tenets of Christian faith. Today these tenets are being revised to teach the very things which Joseph taught.

Ancient documents, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls and others recently found by archaeologists, are opening the Bible to a new understanding, compelling scholars within certain churches to insist on readjustments, since the old views are no longer tenable.

There is even talk in some churches about a restoration of true Gospel principles, and one large denomination is talking in terms of seeking new revelation, a thing for which Joseph was foundly condemned by persecutors who finally accomplished his death.

Joseph Smith taught true Christian doctrine on a comprehensive scale, touching many subjects, including principles of astronomy and other sciences, although he was neither an astronomer nor a scientist.

And yet much of the latest scientific research gives endorsement to what he taught a hundred years ago.

Who in Joseph's day knew about space? Joseph did, and his writings harmonize with scientific teachings of today.

Who knew about the evils of tobacco in Joseph's day? but-science knows now.

Who even spoke of other worlds being inhabited? Joseph did in his day. Only now are some scientific men interested in this subject. Our Venus-probes and Mars-probes are but part of a programme to find this truth. And flying saucers? Joseph didn't talk about them, but men do today—thinking that other planets are sending expeditions to study the earth. And how could they do this if other orbs were not inhabited?

Joseph said other worlds are inhabited, and by the children of God!

His doctrines of salvation, our relationship to God, the fact of a divine creation, our personal destinies, bring increasing comfort to all who know them. With each passing year, the stature of Joseph Smith increases. The perspective of time places an ever more convincing stamp of divinity upon his work.

He was the Prophet of God.

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Moral Principles Of Tithing

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★ In the twenty-fourth chapter of Second Samuel is an interesting story which contains a great lesson. King David had caused a census to be taken of all the people under his rule. The principal reason for taking the census was his pride in military strength and power. Because of this sin of pride, the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel and 70,000 men perished from Dan to Beersheba. The Prophet Gad came to David and said to him:

"Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

"And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded." (2 Sam. 24:18-19.)

When Araunah saw King David coming with his servants, he went to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

"And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people." (Ibid., 24:21.)

In a great display of generosity, Araunah offered to give the threshing floor to the king so that he might erect the altar. He also offered him oxen for the burnt sacrifice, the threshing instruments, and the yoke of the oxen for wood. All of these things Araunah offered to give to the king without any cost. David refused the gift and we read his classic reply:

"And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

"And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel." (Ibid., 24:25.)

David would not make an offering unto the Lord of that which cost him nothing. He no doubt reasoned that unless the gift cost the giver something



Tithing

The first distinct mention of the word "tithe" in the Bible is in the very first book of the Old Testament. Abram, returning from the slaughter of the four kings, was met by Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of the Most High God. Melchizedek blessed him, and Abram "gave him tithes of all." (Gen. 14:20.)

A few chapters later in the same book, Jacob, at Bethel made a vow in these words:

"If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

"So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

"And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Ibid., 28:20-22.)

The third mention is in connection with the Levitical law. The Lord spoke through Moses:

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.)

Under this Levitical law the tithes were given to the Levites for their maintenance, and they in turn were charged with the paying of tithes on that which they received as shown by the words of the Lord as He instructed Moses:

"Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even

of value, it was not fit or appropriate to be an offering for the Lord.

Christ said it is more blessed to give than to receive, yet there are some who will give only if it costs them nothing. This is not according to the teachings of the Master who said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, ..." (Matt. 16:24.)

There are some who will not live the law of tithing because of the cost. This is in contrast to the reasoning of David who would not make an offering unto the Lord unless it cost him something. The great moral principles encompassed in the law of tithing are overlooked by those who are not tithe payers, and they lack the understanding of the law and the reasons for it.

The word "tithe" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon meaning "a tenth." It may be defined as a tenth of property or income which is paid over or dedicated for sacred uses or purposes. The history of the word, as traced through biblical and extra-biblical history, focuses our attention upon some very interesting information.

a tenth part of the tithe." (Num. 18: 26.)

This clearly indicates that the law of tithing was a part of the Levitical law and paid by all people—even the Levites themselves who were directed to pay tithing on the tithes which were received by them.

There are some who take the position that the law of the tithe was only a Levitical institution, but history confirms the fact that it has been and is a universal law. It was basic in the Mosaic law. It had existed from the beginning and is found in the ancient Egyptian law, in Babylonia, and can be traced throughout biblical history. It was mentioned by the Prophet Amos and by Nehemiah who was charged with the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. Shortly thereafter Malachi began an even greater task of rebuilding the faith and the moral of a nation. In his supreme effort to strike out against the covetousness of those who were religious only in name, he lashed them with the accusation of a crime against God.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8-10.)

The words of Malachi in which he accused the people of robbing God bring back to my mind the memories of my class in crimes in law school.

Larceny is the unlawful taking and carrying away of things personal with intent to deprive the owner of the same. Embezzlement is defined as the fraudulent appropriation of another's personal property by one to whom it has been entrusted. The distinction between larceny and embezzlement lies in the character of acquiring the possession of the property or money. In larceny there is an unlawful acquisition of the property, while in embezzlement the property which belongs to another is acquired lawfully and then fraudulently converted to the possessor's use.

In order to memorize these distinctions, I pictured in my mind, to represent larceny, a masked burglar, sneaking about under the cover of darkness, taking that which was not his. To represent the theory of embezzlement I thought of a nontithepayer. The Lord's share came into his hands lawfully, but he misappropriated it to his own use. This seems to be the accusation of Malachi

The words of Malachi close the Old Testament with a reiteration of the law of tithing, indicating there had been no abrogation of this law which had existed from the beginning. The New Testament dispensation, therefore, commenced under this admonition which continued in effect unless denounced by the Saviour. He said in His Sermon on the Mount: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (Matt. 5:17-18.)

The tithe is God's law for His children, yet the payment is entirely voluntary. In this respect it does not differ from the law of the Sabbath or from any other of His laws. We may refuse

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to obey any or all of them. Our obedience is voluntary, but our refusal to pay does not abrogate or repeal the law.

If tithing is a voluntary matter, is it a gift or a payment of an obligation? There is a substantial difference between the two. A gift is a voluntary transfer of money or property without consideration. It is gratuitous. No one owes the obligation to make a gift. If tithing is a gift, we could give whatever we please, when we please, or make no gift at all. It would place our Heavenly Father in the very same category as the street beggar to whom we might toss a coin in passing.

The Lord has established the law of tithing, and because it is His law, it becomes our obligation to observe it if we love Him and have a desire to keep His commandments and receive His blessings. In this way it becomes a debt. The man who doesn't pay his tithing because he is in debt should ask himself if he is not also in debt to the Lord. The Master said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.)

We can't walk east and west at the same time. We can't serve both God and mammon. The man who rejects the law of the tithe is the man who has not given it a fair try. Of course it costs something. It takes work and thought and effort to live any of the laws of the Gospel or any of its principles.

Are we willing to keep God's commandments even though it costs us something? King David refused the gift of the threshing floor because it cost him nothing. He wanted to be in the position of having made the gift, the sacrifice, himself. Even tithing is not

sufficient if it costs nothing for the giver.

It may be that we make a gift and also pay an obligation with our tithes. The payment of the obligation is to the Lord. The gift is to our fellow men for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. If one thoughtfully observes the proselyting done by the missionaries, the teaching programme of the Church, the great educational system, and the building programme to erect houses of worship, there will come a realisation that it is not a burden to pay tithing, but a great privilege. The blessings of the Gospel are shared with many through our tithes.

The principle of tithing should be more than a mathematical, mechanical compliance with the law. The Lord condemned the Pharisees for mechanically tithing herbs without coming into the circumference of spirituality. If we pay our tithes because of our love for the Lord, in complete freedom and faith, we narrow our distance from Him and our relationship to Him becomes intimate. We are released from the bondage of legalism, and we are touched by the spirit and feel a oneness with God.

The payment of tithing strengthens faith, increases spirituality and spiritual capacity, and solidifies testimony. It gives the satisfaction of knowing one is complying with the will of the Lord. It brings the blessings that come from sharing with others through the purposes for which tithing is used. We cannot afford to deny ourselves these blessings. We cannot afford not to pay our tithing. We have a definite relationship to the future as well as to the present. What we give, and how we give, and the way we meet our obliga-

tions to the Lord has eternal significance.

A testimony of the law of tithing comes from living it. Like all other of God's laws, when we live them we receive the blessings. I know God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, and that blessings do come to us by living the law of the tithe.

Additional Notes On Joseph Smith

★ "The personal frame of Mr. Smith was fitted by nature for the greatest measure of endurance. His gigantic mind disposed of cares and troubles of a domestic, political, and religious character, with extraordinary tact; and scarcely could the fury of the storm have begun to abate, before the sunbeams of cheerfulness irradiated his countenance. and the versatile character of his mind allowed him rest and recreation, while others would have sunk despondingly under accumulated troubles.

"Conscious of possessing a knowledge of the most profound principles of truth, virtue, and happiness, that were ever revealed to man, he dealt out unsparing giant blows against the Goliath of error, and smiled alike at the formidable front of his antagonist, and the inevitable discomfiture that ensued. He contemplated, without shadow of doubt, the complete and triumphant success of that system of truth that God had revealed through him, for the temporal, spiritual, and eternal safety of man; and although his days were cut short by the cruel

hands of assassins, yet he lived to accomplish the work to which he was sent. This work he finished—the foundation of the millennial reign was fully laid by him—the superstructure is to go up to its full completion with shoutings of grace—grace unto it."

—Editor of the Millennial Star
After the Prophet's martyrdom,
Millennial Star IX April 1, 1847

★ "The more I am with him (Prophet Joseph Smith) the more I love him; the more I know of him, the more confidence I have in him."

—Millennial Star, August 1, 1842
William Clayton

★ "The Lord is about to lay the burden on your shoulders and let me rest awhile; and if they kill me, the kingdom of God will roll on, as I have now finished the work which was laid upon me, by committing to you all things for the building up of the kingdom."

—Prophet Joseph Smith
Reprinted,
March, 1845 Millennial Star

★ On one occasion the Prophet Joseph Smith informed his associates, "Brethren, you do not know me, you do not know who I am."

—Millennial Star, LXI, p. 629

★ A Boston editor spoke of the Prophet Joseph Smith as a "genius—and a rare one."

—Reprinted in Millennial Star, August 1842

★ "Joseph Smith . . . is a noble looking fellow, a Mahomet every inch of him. Who will say that the Mormon Prophet is not among the great spirits of the age?"

—A U.S. Artillery Officer—1842
Reprinted in Millennial Star, September 1842



God, Source Of Truth

by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

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★ I believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and I believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God. (See ninth Article of Faith.)

This paraphrase of a statement from the Prophet Joseph Smith is the creed and the guide of my life. It is the foundation of the faith of all members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints.

God is the one sure source of truth. He is the fount of all inspiration. It is from Him that the world must receive direction if peace is to come to the earth and if goodwill is to prevail among men. This earth is His creation. We are His children. Out of the love He bears for us, He will guide us if we will seek, listen, and obey. 'Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revea-

leth his secrets unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7.)

Our world is changing. We live in an age of great material progress. Can religion remain static when all else is moving forward?

It is true that man's essential nature does not change and that principles laid down centuries ago by the prophets are as applicable today as they were when they were first enunciated; but the world evidently knows not how to apply them. Today that application needs the direction of the Almighty as certainly as when Jehovah spoke to Enoch and Moses and Isaiah and Elijah.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Pet. 1:21.) And prophecy, which is revelation, comes not now, nor will it come in the future, by the will of man, but only as men of God speak as they are moved upon by that same spirit.

How poverty-ridden is our world in the wisdom of living one with another. The stresses, the strains, the tensions in human relationships, the wars and rumors of wars that constantly afflict us all become evidence that " . . . the wisdom of the wise has failed and the understanding of the prudent is hid." (See Isa. 29:14.) Religion, to be effective, must be a vital and timely force in the lives of men.

The people today need a prophet as surely as Israel needed a prophet when it groaned in the toils of Egypt, and Moses was called to lead it from bondage.

Israel today has a prophet, and we

give our witness to the world that the channel of communication is open between God and His appointed servant.

We would not take from men of goodwill anywhere the standards of truth by which they live. But we say to all, "Come, feast upon that which the Lord has offered in our day. To that which you have and cherish, we invite you to add that which your Father has further offered, for there is a prophet in the land today as certainly as there was in ancient Israel."

There are those who have declared that the canon of scripture is full, that revelation ceased with the ancient Apostles, that the heavens are sealed. Well might we ask such, "Why, then, do you pray? If God is unwilling to speak, is unwilling to guide, if there can be no revelation, why seek him?" The fallacy of this position is evident; yet the world would deny the possibility of modern revelation.

A few years ago I had the opportunity of participating in the opening of our mission in the Philippines. It was an inspirational experience. We gathered at dawn in the American military cemetery on the outskirts of the city of Manila. There before us stood "row on row" the crosses that mark the graves of more than 17,000 American dead, and inscribed on marble tablets we saw the names of some 36,000 more who died in the battles of the Pacific and whose remains were never found—a grim and solemn reminder of man's foolish inhumanity to man.

Among those who spoke on that sacred occasion was a young Filipino. He recounted the story of how, when he was a child, he found an old magazine

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in a pile of trash. It contained an article on the history of our people. It spoke of Joseph Smith. It described him as a prophet. That word "prophet" caught in his consciousness. It impressed him. It raised questions in his young mind. "Could there really be a prophet in the earth in this time of the world," he asked himself.

Years passed. There came to his land the terrible tragedies of Corregidor and Bataan and the death march to Tarlac; the strafing and bombing of Clark Field near his home; the hunger and fear and oppression of the enemy occupation; and then, finally, the liberation of the Philippines and the re-establishment of Clark Field as an American air base. He secured employment there. One day he heard that one of the American officers for whom he worked was a Mormon.

There flashed again into his mind the word "prophet." He found courage to ask the man if a prophet really stood at the head of his Church. Without equivocation the officer replied yes, and there followed an explanation, a recounting of the simple and beautiful story of the appearance of God the Eternal Father, and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to a boy who had come in faith and prayer to find wisdom. That testimony touched this young Filipino's heart. His life has been changed by the conviction that revelation from God is available to man in our time. Today he holds the priesthood a leader of the Church in his own land.

Can one doubt the need for revelation in this day of complex human problems? Some weeks ago news was broadcast over the country that at a

particular hour on a particular day the surgeon general of the United States would issue a report on the effects of smoking. The release time was carefully planned, presumably to affect the stock market least seriously. Then, at the appointed hour radio, television, and the news services dramatically announced the findings of casual relationships between the smoking of cigarettes and lung cancer. Lengthy tables of statistics, page upon page of data, were enumerated to produce the conclusion that cigarette smoking is harmful to health.

I thumbed through that 387 page report, and then I turned to the revelation of the Lord given through the Prophet Joseph Smith wherein he said simply but unequivocally, "... tobacco ... is not good for man" (D&C 89:8.)

I am grateful for the work of those scientists who made the report on smoking. I am confident that their discoveries will save untold suffering and add untold years of useful living to those who will heed their counsel. But how much suffering, how many deaths upon which their conclusions were based, might have been avoided had those who became statistics for a government report listened to the word of revelation given by a prophet of God.

As I reflected on that situation, the months of research by able men of science, the vast calculations of electronic computers, the great fanfare of announcements, the background stories, the editorials, the debates, all of this and more, in contrast with the simple, revealed word of the Lord — there came to mind the experience of Elijah on Mt. Horeb: "... and a great

and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

"And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice." (1 Kings 19:11-12.)

Such almost invariably has been the word of God as it has come to us, not with trumpets, not from the council halls of the learned, but in the still small voice of revelation. Listening to those who seek in vain to find wisdom and who declaim loudly their nostrums for the ills of the world, one is prone to reply with the Psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God: . . ." (Ps. 46: 10) and with the Saviour, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Matt. 11: 15.)

I wish to make it clear that I do not disparage education, research, study, counsel. I believe most strongly in these. But I believe more so that this troubled world would do well to listen to the source of all true wisdom, to accept all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and to believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things.

Let it be remembered that "the things of God are understood by the Spirit of God." and that revelation is fruitless unless it be listened to and obeyed.

We have a simple and marvelous hymn among us. It came from the pen of an English convert, an orphan boy, a man of Sheffield, a cutler in the steel mills, who more than a century ago wrote out of the testimony of his soul this great song of gratitude, "We thank thee, O God, for a Prophet to guide us in these latter days."

To the world we give our witness that there is revelation of the word of God as certainly in the atomic age as there was in the age of Jeremiah. It is just that simple and just that true.

Joseph Smith was the anointed of the Lord to this dispensation. Well might we repeat the words of the Lord: ". . . What power shall stay the heavens? As well might man stretch forth his puny arm to stop the Missouri river in its decreed course, or to turn it up stream, as to hinder the Almighty from pouring down knowledge from heaven upon the heads of the Latter-day Saints." D&C 121:33.) Knowledge has been and is being revealed. Those who accept it and obey it find that peace which passeth understanding and that growth which leads to eternal life.

As surely as Joseph was a Prophet, so also is his successor in office, President David O. McKay. Who seeing this man of God standing at the pulpit and speaking to the world words that would save them, could doubt that God is manifesting His will through him?

God help us to be obedient to his counsel.





The Saints Must Stand Firm

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★ I have a firm conviction that God lives; that this is not just another Church which we represent, but is The Church of Jesus Christ; that sitting at its head is the prophet of this day, surrounded by just and wholesome men who are each endowed with the authority and the power to act in the name of God and direct the work of the Lord in all the world in preparation for His coming to receive His Kingdom.

I have the assurance that this Church was established, not to fail, but to continue, never to be destroyed nor left to another people; for the Lord has said:

"The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught.

"Remember, remember that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men"; (D&C 3:1,3.)

I have no doubt that His promise to

all people will be fulfilled in His own way, both to the righteous and to the wicked. We are living in a day foretold by the Saviour as a time of wars and rumours of wars, of famines and of pestilences and of earthquakes. A day when, in a supposedly cultured society, greed and lust for power, subterfuge and cruelty are seen at their worst. This day was described by Paul in these words:

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

"Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good,

"Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God"; (2 Tim. 3:2-4)

Now, thank goodness, that doesn't include everybody, but there are many

I am sure who fit into some of those categories. If there are any into which we fit, or if any of us have these blemishes upon us, I hope that we will go from this time forward with the determination to throw them off.

Now, despite these conditions that Paul described, this is a favoured time and a favoured day of the Lord. We ought to be thankful that we live in this particular day, notwithstanding all the fears and the troubles and the anxieties which come upon us because of unsettled conditions that prevail in the world. Our gratitude comes mainly because we are the glad recipients of the restored Gospel brought back to earth in the fulfilment of prophecy, in its fulness as a prescription for successful living and for salvation. There is no need to walk in darkness or in uncertainty. In our day the Church has the vision and the inspiration and the word of the Lord to give to the people to keep them from the pitfalls of life, from sorrow, regret, and failure. In this day of the Church there has been a great expanse of the Church itself. The Gospel is being widely preached; buildings are being constructed; temples have been and are being erected; work for the dead is increasing; and people are accepting the Gospel, all of these in an unprecedented way.

Now, while we see the Church moving on unfalteringly toward its decreed destiny, we must remember that salvation for each of us must be worked out on an individual basis. For a few moments let us draw our world into the range of my voice while we consider two or three principles which are indispensable to individual and even collective salvation.

How about the Sabbath day? Is it observed as the Lord's day? Are you and your family found where you ought

to be and doing what you ought to be doing on that day? I recently learned of a father who habitually took his wife and children to the mountains or to various other places on the Sabbath day rather than taking them to church where they belonged. As he was hurrying them to get ready one Sunday morning, his smallest boy said "Daddy, why can't we stay home and go to church like the other kids do?" "Oh, come along," said the father, "we can sing and pray together in the mountains." The little boy said rather sadly, "I know we can, but we won't, will we, Daddy?"

"And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day"; (D&C 59:9.)

To me that makes it clear and understandable as to where I ought to be and what I ought to do among other things that are approved of the Lord on that holy day.

Another matter: How completely do you love your neighbour? The Saviour has said that not only should we love our neighbours, as ourselves, but that we should also even love our enemies. One man said, "It's a difficult enough thing to love a neighbour whom he likes to be classed as his neighbour, but to reach out and love his enemy is almost beyond reasonable expectation." Nevertheless it is a method which the Lord has of preparing, of sanctifying, and of perfecting those He has called His Saints. Further than that, He requires that we bless those that curse us, and that we do good unto them that hate us, and that we pray for them who despitefully use us and persecute us.

How can we love our neighbour? I

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think one of the best ways would be to help him learn the truth, to accept the restored Gospel and to find in it the power of God unto salvation for them and their families, and by defending him against danger or slander or mistreatment by others. I think we could show a love of our neighbours on the highways and in traffic congestions by being courteous and by giving them the right of way once in a while even though we may have rightful claim to it. There are innumerable ways in which love may be extended to one's neighbour.

It was James Russell Lowell who said, "They who love the Lord and their neighbours are but one step from heaven."

I'd like to include with these neighbours, whom we must love and for whom we must be concerned, those who have passed on, especially our own progenitors to whom we have the inescapable obligation to bring salvation and exaltation through vicarious service. What are we doing about them on an individual family basis?

How about tithing? Are we as individuals placing ourselves in a position to receive the glorious promises given of the Lord for those who consistently observe this law? He offered a challenge to be proved if he would not open the windows of heaven and pour upon us a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive, and then he said:

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3:11.)

What a promise that is to those of us who are willing to keep the law! Can any of us justify withholding or skimping on that which really belongs to the Lord?

Many years ago the voice of President Heber C. Kimball rang out concerning the matter of tithing when he said:

"You have nothing except what you have received from the Almighty. Where do you get your water, your meat, your bread and the luxuries of life? Did he not create them? Were not the elements thereof placed upon the earth before you came here? If you do not pay one dime in tithing, it will not impoverish the Lord, but I tell you where the effect will lie. It will affect yourselves, your own salvation."

And I should like to add and that of your children most likely for "like father like son" is an old but true adage

The commandments of the Lord are not dictums, they are principles given by a Merciful Father to keep us and all mankind who will follow Him from sin, sorrow, and regret. We talk a good deal these days about security. One of the best formulas of security that I have ever known is given in the words of Helaman in the Book of Mormon:

"And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is sure foundation, a foundation whereon if

men build they cannot fall." (Hel. 5: 12.)

I like that, and I have taken it to heart. I advocate it to the young and to the old and to all of us, in fact, to all mankind, for it is true as true can be.

May we stand firm upon this sure foundation and thereby contribute to the progress of the Church as it moves on to the completion of its divine destiny, and at the same time secure our individual and collective salvation and perhaps exaltation.

★ "When we write our ideas down, it is like putting a bridle on them so as to make their intelligent guidance and direction possible."

— Elder Sterling W. Sill

★ "Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the Gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand."

—D&C 88:78

★ "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand . . ."

—D&C 107:99-100

★ "And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach."

—D&C 42:14

Profanity Weakens Expression

★ Elder Boyd K. Packer, president of the New England Mission and an Assistant to the Twelve, spoke these profound words of truth relative to profanity, at the October, 1967 semi-annual Conference. We reprint them for the guidance of all members and friends.

Profanity has inched and nudged and pushed its way relentlessly into the motion picture, television, and now even newspapers print verbatim comments, the likes of which would have been considered intolerable a generation ago.

"Why not," they ask' "show life as it is?" They even say it is hypocritical to do otherwise, "if it is real," they say, "why hide it" You can't censor that which is real!"

Why hide? Why protest against it? Many things that are real are not right. Disease germs are real—but must we therefor spread them? A pestilent infection may be real, but ought we to expose ourselves to it? Those who argue that so-called "real-life" is license must remember that where there's an is, there's an ought. Frequently, what is and what ought to be are far apart. When "is" and "ought" come together, an ideal is formed.

The reality of profanity does not argue for toleration of it.

There is no need for any of us to use profanity. Realise that you are



more powerful in expression without it.

In his post-war account of the struggle with Nazism, Sir Winston Churchill introduced the most revolting personality in the past centuries without a profane adjective:

"Thereafter mighty forces were adrift; the void was open, and into that void, after a pause there strode a maniac of ferocious genius, the repository and expression of the most virulent hatreds that have ever corroded the human breast—Corporal Hitler." (Sir Winston Churchill, by Robert Lewis Taylor)

No one needs to be profane!

Push To The Pole

★ He could tell a good story. He did not want for words. They tumbled from his lips like water from a mountainside spring. His youthful, clean-cut countenance sparkled with what people call personality.

But that speaker sent me away empty and upset. He had wandered all over the foothills of his subject but had never seemed to approach the summit. He appeared to have used his unusual native speaking ability to gloss over a lack of preparation. His very talent seemed to have become a disadvantage.

Somehow I wish that young speaker could read the story of a man named Peary.

Like every man and woman, Robert Edwin Peary was blessed with some special talents. As a youth, he was a gifted athlete. He was a good student, too. He was graduated second in his college class in civil engineering.

Years later, this same Peary lay in an abandoned camp at Fort Conger, near the northern tip of Greenland not far from the Arctic Ocean. Shortly before, in the frozen wastes of the polar

North he had eaten his last biscuit, then all that remained of his beans. A dog had been killed for food. Failure had come again to tall, thin Robert Edwin Peary in his quest to become the first man to reach the North Pole. After he had stumbled into Fort Conger and removed his kamiks, or skin boots, he had discovered that his feet had been frosted.

Now in the polar region's dreary mid-winter darkness, Peary lay in writhing pain with his frosted feet. For six weeks he lay there. In the midst of his agony, he turned on his side and wrote on the cabin wall the lines of Seneca: "I shall find a way or make one."

Back at his base, seven of his toes were amputated. One of his strongest backers urged him to return to America. But Peary shook his light haired head and turned his blue eyes to the north. No, he was going to keep trying until he reached the pole.

Peary returned to the States three years later. He still had not realized his life's goal: touching the pole. But he returned to raise \$100,000 and with

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Peary pushing onward, "I shall find a way or make one."

it built a boat that would batter its way better through ice and water.

With his new boat its sides 30 inches thick, he again pushed toward the pole. He was now nearing 50. The year was 1905, and Theodore Roosevelt, for whom the boat was named, was still president of the United States.

Bulling through the North's ice-clogged summer waters, the Roosevelt reached the end of land. With hand-picked Eskimos, 120 dogs and sledges, Peary began his dash toward the pole. A howling gale struck. It drove the ice pack eastward. The trail was shattered, and catches of precious food for the return trip were lost. Huge canals—seams of open water—developed in the ice. But Peary pressed toward the pole. He came within 176 miles of his goal—farther north than man had ever gone. Then he was forced to turn back. The dazzling polar light burned his eyes until he would bury them in the snow to relieve the pain. His jaws ached from grinding his teeth in the torture of his aching, mutilated feet. His legs swelled through starvation. Over thin, young ice across the big canal, he softly shuffled his snowshoes. Battered and beaten

again, he reached the Roosevelt, then fought her back to New York.

Two years later, Peary again headed northward on the Roosevelt—amid the din of 246 howling and fighting dogs and the stench of 70 tons of whale meat, their food. It was Peary's eighth polar expedition, and he was now 52.

On April 6, 1909, Peary became history's first man to reach the North Pole. With the American flag, he planted the banner of his college fraternity. (Youth was still in his heroic heart!)

Robert Edwin Peary was endowed with a bright mind and a stout heart. He was a trained engineer. From the base of those blessings, he built. He pressed onward and upward "to find a new way or make one."

Ours is a rich heritage. Ours is the perfect pattern for attaining the kingdom, even godship, which can be our goal. To each is given additional, special talents. But we must do more than count these blessings. We must build on them. From them we must steadfastly push onward and upward, even as Peary pushed toward the pole!

—Wendell J. Ashton

A Faith Promoting Incident Of Ogden Valley

★ The following incident is taken from the life of Sister Martha A. Ferrin, one of the early pioneer women of Ogden Valley. While her husband was performing missionary labours in England, this good sister supplied him with means for his support, managed her farm, and cared for eight small children.

In addition she had charge of a saw-mill, ten miles from home. At one time she was taking a load of lumber, which she had bought from the sawmill the previous day, to Ogden. The two smallest children were with her. After the lumber had been disposed of and they were returning home through Ogden canyon, a heavy storm could be seen approaching. She passed a company of men camping in an opening in the road (where the Hermitage now stands). They advised her to go no further as it would be very dangerous in the canyon when such a terrible storm was coming on and the night was so black.

"My little children at home need me," she answered and drove on. Farther up the canyon were more men camping. They begged her to wait until the following day.

"You can never cross that Shanghai bridge; the night is so dark you will not be able to see it. You cannot possibly get home before you meet the storm."

"I have six little children waiting for me and I must go," was her answer again, and she drove on.

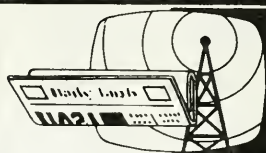
At the time she thought she was near the bridge one of the tugs came unhooked. The little boy scarcely large enough to get up and down the wagon, hooked it.

"Can you see the bridge, son?"

"No, mother, I can't see anything."

The mother knew that the bridge was not strong. It was narrow and had no protection on the sides. She knew that it would shake and swing when they drove across. What was she to do? If the Lord would only assist her until the opposite side was reached! Suddenly a flash of lightning came. The front feet of the horses could be seen to be almost touching the edge of the bridge. It lightened again. The horses were started. During the entire time it took to cross the bridge, it was not dark for one second. The light was as bright as day. Further on was another bad place in the road. Again the lightning shone and the mother and her little ones were guided safely across. Sister Ferrin met her anxious children waiting for her in the door of her little home. With grateful hearts they united in thanking the kind Father for His protecting care.

—Young Woman's Journal
Vol. 26, pp. 776-777



Regional Programme

★ Pres. A. Ray Curtis, formerly president of the Southwest British Mission and the Regional Representative for the Church in England, among the six stakes, completed a preliminary survey and meetings with the individual stakes concluding with the London Stake on January 13.

Pres. Curtis said, "it was an inspiration to find devoted leaders of the Church, who are sincere. I am inspired by the devotion and dedication of the people to the work of the Lord."

Stating he was amazed at the growth of the Church in the British Isles, Pres. Curtis commented that there is no question in his mind but what the new regional programme announced at the semi-annual General Conference last October will go forward.

As Pres. Curtis met with each of the stakes he explained his role in the Regional programme, that of the stake leaders and the ward. He emphasized that the stakes will be taught to train and teach the wards and instruct them in their responsibilities in the four priesthood committees.

Pres. Curtis told the stake presidencies, high councilmen, and bishops, "we are called to succeed. We were not called to fail. Full devotion and nothing else will bring full happiness."

He cited the growth of the Church, noting that in the first 70 years, from 1830 to 1900 the Church grew in membership to 268,000 persons. For a comparison 250,000 people joined the Church in the past three years.

Pres. Curtis noted that projected growth of the Church in the next 17 years (to 1985) forecasts membership of 7,700,000 assigned to 1,000 stakes, and 10,000 wards with 2,300 bishops needed each year.

This growth, he said, means the young men on class rolls of the auxiliaries today may very well be some of those bishops tomorrow. "This means, we have got to do a better job of teaching and training."

He said "the time will never come when we cannot learn more." Pres. Curtis said it is so much easier to do the Lord's work when one "gets the vision and has the understanding of his assignment and work to be done." This he termed this can only be done by "full devotion."

He asked that leaders of the auxiliaries attending Sacrament Meeting, "setting the example" and encouraging their officers and teachers to do likewise.

Pres. Curtis directed his closing remarks to Home Evening emphasizing that the home is the foundation of all righteous life. Children, he said, need to hear mother and father and one another bear their testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel. "Tell the children of the order of the priesthood, encourage them to uphold the Church leaders, develop goals for the family through home evening. Begin when children are young to prepare for missions by encouraging savings plans, study of the scriptures, and activity in the Church. These will all build strong families in the Church," he said.

Alaskan Saints Thank All For Help During Recent Flood

★ Last August Fairbanks, Alaska, was struck by a flood. The Church sent from its central welfare storehouses in Utah 20 tons of food, clothing and bedding. Herewith is the message received from David G. Clarkson, first counselor in the Fairbanks, Alaska, Second Ward Bishopric. The flood turned this Alaskan city into a major disaster area.

"We have now experienced part of the Welfare Programme none of us ever could have possibly imagined. When it was desperately needed and hope was dim, the Welfare Programme was there and more than we would have dreamed possible.

"We saw the mattresses and blankets rest and warm tired bodies. We saw hunger abated and expenses allayed due to the assistance afforded by the Welfare food supplies.

"We saw this food not only fill empty stomachs, we saw it bring back the bright sparkle to many eyes and colour to ashen faces dulled by despair. We saw it bring back the light of hope in the face of adversity. Though all or

most may have been lost, we were given encouragement through food, warm bedding and warm clothing to continue on.

"Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you throughout the Church for the part you played in this assistance. No matter how great or how small the task you may have performed in the Welfare Programme, it was the tremendous importance and meaning in the recovery and rehabilitation of the flood victims in the Fairbanks area. May the Lord's choicest blessings be with all of you is the prayer of the Saints from Fairbanks, Alaska."

(Your Millennial Star editor saw some of the flooded area from high above as he flew the northern route to his assignment in England late in August. This is only one more testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel and the plan of Salvation God has revealed in this very day for His people. The Church has long encouraged families to save a year's supply of food stored away for just such emergencies. . .")



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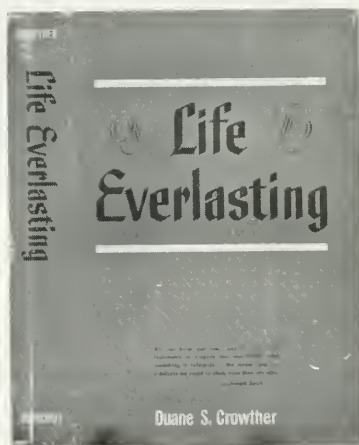
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★ Janet sat carelessly brushing her hair on the little bench in front of her dressing table, but her thoughts were far away. It had only been two months since her mother had died leaving her alone. After the initial shock, and all the family business had been negotiated, she had decided to leave her little hometown, and go down to "Gay, Swinging, London." For there, she could be part of the happy scene she had heard so much about.

Of all the luck, Janet thought, as she tossed the brush hard against the dressing table. She thought, how lucky she had been to get a job at the Shaftsbury Theatre. She had always loved art,

and now she had a chance to work on real scenery for a professional theatre.

She even had great success in finding this lovely little flat. And when she had advertised for a flat-mate, and Katie had answered the ad, she had been delighted. But that was three days ago. Now . . . now she finds out that Katie is a Mormon!

She had heard that Mormons were strange people, with a lot of stern ideas. She had liked Katie from the beginning, although she did look a bit dowdy. Why her skirt hung nearly past her knees! Then too, she was hoping her new flat-mate might be able to make a good cup of coffee. She really

Short Story

hadn't had a good cup of coffee since her mother died. Now, Katie didn't even drink coffee. Of all the luck! Oh well, Janet had made up her mind that the first bit of trouble Katie gave her, out she would go.

Where was it Katie had said she was going tonight? Oh, yes, now she remembered, something called M.I.A., which stood for Mutual Improvement Association. Wow, what an ominous title, these Mormons really are a strange lot.

It was nearly a week before the subject of the Mormon Church was mentioned between the girls again. "Janet," said Katie, "Why don't you come with me to the drama workshop we are holding tomorrow night at the Church? We're getting a play ready to present in about two months time, and a few of us are getting together to talk about scenery, and staging. Please," she insisted, "we really could use some professional help."

Well, thought Janet she really didn't have anything planned and Katie had said 'professional' help.

"Oh I suppose I could come, for a while anyway," said Janet.

The next evening as the girls climbed the stairs to the chapel, Janet began to have second thoughts. Oh for goodness sakes, she thought, I must not let these people worry me, they are simply a bunch of amateurs. After all she did work in a live professional theatre. She would use all the theatrical terms she had heard . . . she'd impress these Mormons.

But the evening went very differently than she had planned. The whole committee seemed very well organized. Why, they were even talking about things she had never heard in the theatre yet, and what were those funny little books they kept referring to?

Finally that night as the girls stepped

off the bus, curiosity overcame Janet, and she asked, "Katie what were those books that you all kept looking at, as if it were the law of the land?"

"Oh those are Drama Manuals, put out by the Church," smiled Katie. "Our Church puts out manuals on public speaking, dancing, drama, and even sports activities."

"I say," sniffed Janet, "your Church interferes with all phases of your life doesn't it?"

"No not interferes," laughed Katie, "they help and instruct so we can enjoy life more."

"Boy have they brainwashed you" sneered Janet.

Two days later Katie was dressing just as Janet came home from work.

"Oh," said Janet, "going out again to night I see."

"Yes," explained Katie, "I'm going to a big dance at the Church tonight, I'd love you to come with me . . ."

"Oh yes, I'll bet that will be a swinging scene!" interrupted Janet.

"Suit yourself," smiled Katie, clipping on her earring.

"O.K., I will go," said Janet, rather defiantly. I'll show her just how I can liven up a dance, she thought.

The dance floor was full when the girls arrived. Well, they all look as if they are enjoying themselves, thought Janet as she gazed about the room. Just then a tall fair-haired boy asked her for a dance.

"Sure . . . sure," gulped Janet, slightly embarrassed by being caught off guard.

As they began to twirl around the floor, he smiled and said, "My name is Rodney Burns, I just moved down from Scotland to work for a while, are you new here?"

"Well sort of," stammered Janet, "I mean I'm not one of them!"

"One of them what?" smiled Rodney.

"I mean, I'm not a Mormon," declared Janet, more embarrassed than ever now.

"Well, that is perfectly legal Lass," joked Rodney, which immediately put her back at ease. "Anyway," he said, "I still don't know your name."

"Oh, I'm Janet Martin. I live with Katie Barton, that is how I got here in the first place," she said.

The dance was quite successful for Janet. She danced nearly every dance, and at least six times with Rodney. She even thought secretly to herself she might could fancy this tall, fair Scotsman. She had noticed that he looked at her skirt several times, maybe even a bit disapprovingly. She knew her skirt was a lot shorter than the other girls there, but this was the first time she had ever noticed a boy object!

The next morning as she stood in front of the long mirror in the hall, she called to Katie, "You know with winter coming on and all, I think I'll let my skirts down a little."

"Oh," smiled Katie suddenly entering the hall, "that's probably a good idea."

It was two or three days before Janet had the courage to question Katie about Rodney Burns. After all she did not want to look interested.

"Katie, do you remember Rodney down at your Church?"

"Yes . . ." she began.

"What do you know about him?" she asked.

"Not much really," replied Katie. "I do know" she continued, "He is working very hard to save enough money to go on a mission for the Church in a few weeks time."

"A mission!" Janet exclaimed, "not secret or anything like that?"

"Good Heavens," laughed Katie, "you have seen too many spy movies. I mean

he is going on a mission to tell people about our Church, what we believe and stand for"

"Gosh," said Janet, "how long will that take?"

"Missionaries are usually gone about two or two and one half years," Katie explained.

"Two and a half years!" cried Janet, suddenly betraying all the candor she had tried so hard to project.

"Yes," laughed Katie, "why so upset?"

"Who's upset?" sniffed Janet, "I just asked."

The next month was a busy one for Janet. The Shaftsbury Theatre was presenting a new play, and she was working late and hard on her scenery.

One morning as Janet gulped down her breakfast to rush to the theatre, she noticed that Katie was noticeably upset.

"What's up Katie?" she asked.

"Oh," said Katie. I got a phone call this morning early, from Shirley Jollins, she was the director of that play we worked on, remember?"

"Yes, sure," said Janet, "the one with the long red hair."

"That's right, well her father died rather suddenly of a heart attack yesterday, and Shirley has asked me to sing at his funeral," said Katie. "If your not too busy, I would like you to come . . . for moral support," Katie went on.

Janet looked at Katie, and thought how fond she had become of this girl. "Of course," reassured Janet, "I will be glad to go with you."

It had been a lovely funeral, thought Janet as she sat on the bench, still wiping a bit of moisture from the corner of her eye. So different from her Mother's which had been so short and cold.

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The way these Mormons talk about God. . . a personal God, it was certainly an interesting idea. And that Song, "Oh My Father," that Katie had sung was beautiful. She had never heard it before, but some of the words had remained in her mind. "For a wise and glorious purpose, Thou hast placed me here on Earth, and withheld the recollection of my former friends and birth. . ." She wondered what glorious purpose God had sent her for . . .

"Hey, Hello I said, you must be a thousand miles away." She looked up startled to see Rodney there.

"Oh I'm sorry," she smiled, "I was miles away. . . in Heaven."

"Listen Janet," said Rodney becoming very earnest, "I'm leaving on my mission in about two weeks time, and some of my friends are giving a wee party for me, and I'd like very much for you to come."

"Why I'd be delighted," she said.

"Good," came his happy reply. "I will see you later then . . . maybe Sunday?"

On the way out of the chapel she noticed one of the full time missionaries. "Oh Elder Hancock," she blushed, "I think maybe I would like to hear those lessons you mentioned some time ago. Now I didn't say I was going to join the Church" she was quick to add,

"but I guess it wouldn't hurt to listen."

She had studied very hard and managed to have all the lessons before Rodney's party came around. She was nearly through the Book of Mormon too. These Mormons make sense, she thought. But there were drawbacks, that tithing and Word of Wisdom. Oh how confused and frustrated she felt. She had fought this Mormon idea so hard, and now they were breaking down her resistance. Of course she could try praying as the Elders had told her, but it had been so long since she had ever tried to talk to her Heavenly Father. Would He listen.

That night as Katie entered the bedroom, she found Janet kneeling at her bedside, softly crying.

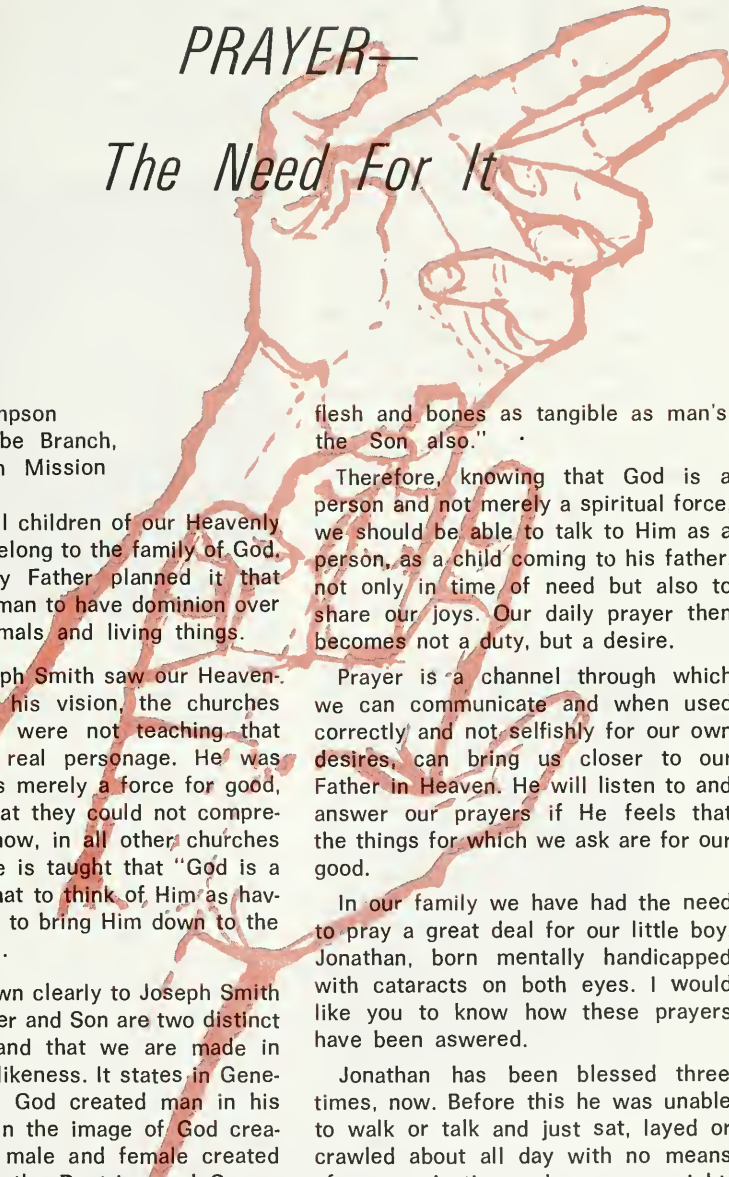
"Are you all right?" asked Katie.

"Yes . . . yes," cried Janet suddenly standing to embrace her, "tonight I talked with my Heavenly Father, and He heard me . . . I felt Him hear me. It's a funny life Katie, she smiled, I came to Gay Swinging London to make the big scene . . . and I found the Mormons, and they helped me find God."

"You know," said Katie, "I'll bet Rodney could baptize you before he leaves. That should get his mission off to a good start."

Janet simply blushed!





PRAYER— *The Need For It*

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★ We are all children of our Heavenly Father. We belong to the family of God. Our Heavenly Father planned it that way and for man to have dominion over all other animals and living things.

When Joseph Smith saw our Heavenly Father in his vision, the churches at that time were not teaching that God was a real personage. He was thought of as merely a force for good, a mystery that they could not comprehend. Even now, in all other churches but ours, one is taught that "God is a spirit" and that to think of Him as having a body is to bring Him down to the level of man.

It was shown clearly to Joseph Smith that the Father and Son are two distinct personages and that we are made in our Father's likeness. It states in Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." In the Doctrine and Covenants 130:22 "The Father has a body of

flesh and bones as tangible as man's, the Son also."

Therefore, knowing that God is a person and not merely a spiritual force, we should be able to talk to Him as a person, as a child coming to his father, not only in time of need but also to share our joys. Our daily prayer then becomes not a duty, but a desire.

Prayer is a channel through which we can communicate and when used correctly and not selfishly for our own desires, can bring us closer to our Father in Heaven. He will listen to and answer our prayers if He feels that the things for which we ask are for our good.

In our family we have had the need to pray a great deal for our little boy, Jonathan, born mentally handicapped with cataracts on both eyes. I would like you to know how these prayers have been answered.

Jonathan has been blessed three times, now. Before this he was unable to walk or talk and just sat, layed or crawled about all day with no means of communication and very poor sight. The elders blessed him and asked for

him to have the full use of his faculties according to God's will. Not long after he began to say odd words and gradually added to them. He crawled around at a terrific rate and his intelligence grew at just such a rate, too. He started to walk.

An eye operation was imminent and he was blessed again in preparation for this. We were told that he would be in the hospital for two or three weeks as this was a major operation. When my wife visited him on the third day after his operation she was allowed to bring him home. The sight he had gained was much more than we had dared to expect so that he can now play outdoors and run around quite normally.

Not long ago his good sighted eye became inflamed and covered in a white film again. He stumbled and fell about and cried in frustration. We were told that it could be more cataract or lens damage. Jonathan was blessed again and later we heard the glad news that his sight was not affected in any way. It was not more cataract but a condition that required a simple, minor operation. Jonathan has since had another

eye operation which was successful. He is now awaiting glasses that give him more visual help.

Jonathan's name has been entered on the waiting list for a new centre for mentally handicapped children presently being built in our locality. This gives him the opportunity to go to school close to our home instead of going away to a boarding school for children with dual handicaps.

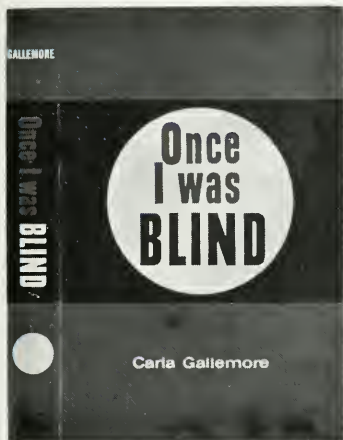
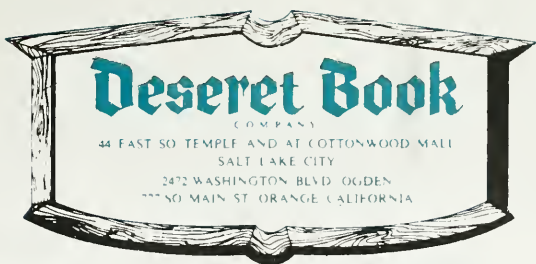
Jonathan attends Junior Sunday School regularly every Sunday and enjoys listening to the songs even though he cannot yet participate fully in the lessons. We have much to thank our Heavenly Father for.

Whilst we were praying and fasting for Jonathan, my wife's issue of the Relief Society Magazine arrived and inside was a little verse which just suited us at that moment and I would like to share it with you.

The Blessing

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But I leave my prayer with Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own,
Assured that He will grant the quest
And send an answer far more blest.





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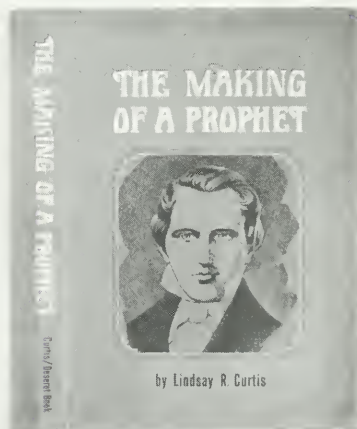
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Prophecy—Forerunner of Science

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★ Our beloved late Dr. James E. Talmage, an eminent scholar, has set forth in clearness the essential relationship between scientific theory and truth in an article entitled: "Prophecy as the Forerunner of Science." It was written many years ago, and this is what he said:

"The man of truly scientific spirit regards a theory in its real character as a provisional and tentative explanation phenomena not otherwise easy to comprehend. Theory is but the scaffolding necessary to the work of rightly placing the building blocks of truth in the wall of the rising edifice of science. These building blocks are demonstrated facts, truths made plain, and when they are in place, their proper relation to each other duly established, the scaffolding, which is inadequate and unsightly at best, is torn down. Theory becomes unnecessary as our knowledge of facts increases. . . ." (Improvement Era 7:487.)

Nearly twenty years ago because of, shall I say some immature observations at that time I wrote something that I

read again the other day to see if I could now say the same things. The testimony of those nearly twenty years that have intervened convinced me all the more that these facts are true. That person who thinks he has outgrown his Church and his religion has in reality proved himself too small to bear the responsibilities his membership entails and has shut himself up in his small intellectual world, and the vast treasures in the unseen world of spiritual truths are closed to his understanding. "And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things." (D&C 88:67.)

The Gospel of Jesus Christ does have the right answers to the great soul-shaking questions which lie at the heart of human experience and existence, for it is indeed the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. And I bear humble testimony that I know it is true, the science of salvation, the power of God unto salvation.



We would say to the brethren, seek to know God in your closets, call upon him in the fields. Follow the directions of the Book of Mormon, and pray over, and for your families, your cattle, your flocks, your herds, your corn, and all things that you possess; ask the blessing of God upon all your labours, and everything that you engage in. Be virtuous and pure; be men of integrity and truth; keep the commandments of God; and then you will be able more perfectly to understand the difference between right and wrong—between the things of God and the things of men; and your path will be like that of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

—Joseph Smith



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The Pioneers

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When you say to yourself the going is tough
Of my lifes mission call I've had quite enough
Think back to those Saints in the not too far past
Whose courage and faith won the battle at last

From Nanvoo fled they in the half dim light
Many children were born that hazardous night
As they crossed over the ice miraculously there
With hearts full of sadness and souls in despair

Across the plains they fearlessly trod
Their eyes fixed on heaven their minds fixed on God
Many died and were buried right where they lay
Nobody to mourn them but those gone away

When you say to yourself the going is tough
Of my lifes mission call I've had quite enough
Think back to those Saints in the not too far past
Whose courage and faith won the battle at last.

The Family Home Evening Section



The Need For A Family Home Evening



DID YOU HOLD A HOME EVENING THIS WEEK?

by Monitor C. Noyce

Make it a weekly habit.

Latter-day Saint parents are encouraged to recognize and fulfill their responsibility for teaching and living the Gospel in the home, through love.

Organized to aid and assist them in this challenge is the Church with its priesthood and auxiliary programmes.

The Lord has directed in modern day revelation that Latter-day Saint parents have the the full responsibility to "teach their children to pray and walk uprightly before the Lord." (D&C 68:25-28)

The Church auxiliary programmes are supplemental and support the teaching children are to receive in the home.

It is most important that prayer and preparation precede the giving of the Family Home Evening lessons. It is just as important as when one would prepare a lesson for a class in Church.

Since the character of a child is formed principally during the first twelve years of his life, President David O. McKay has asked that parents in the Church "practice more self-control in our homes; that we shall control our tempers, our feelings, and our tongues, that they may not wander beyond the bounds of right and purity."

His counsel continues:

"Home is the best place for the child to learn self control, to learn that he must submerge himself for the good of another. It is the best place in which to develop obedience which nature and society will later demand.

"Homes are more permanent through love. Oh, then, let love abound. Though you fall short in some material matters,

study and work and pray to hold your children's love. Establish and maintain your family hours always. Stay close to your children. Pray, play, work and worship together.

"This is the counsel of the Church.

"Would you have a strong and virile nation?—then keep your homes pure. Would you reduce delinquency and crime?—then lessen the number of broken homes. It is time that civilized people realized that the home largely determines whether children shall be of high or low character. Home building, therefore, should be the paramount purpose of parents and of the nation."

Make your Home Evening a happy event, one that every member of the family will look forward to with anticipation. Let the children aid in its planning and conducting. One week let the children do all the preparation, including the programme and the easy-prepared refreshments. It is from this

nucleus they will grow and mature into strong, capable young men and women with the desire and the ability to be active in the Church, in society and to develop into leaders.

This year's Home Evening manual prepared by the Church contains 45 lessons, leaving seven weeks during the summer vacation season when more home evening activities of a recreational nature may be planned by the individual families.

Speaking from personal experience I know that families who consistently plan and hold home evenings will find that they are blessed by applying the lessons taught in their lives, children will adhere to the principles, be active in the Church and a strength and a blessing to their parents.

We reiterate what President McKay has said:

"No other success can compensate for failure in the home."



Visiting with LDS Families At Their Home Evenings



(A member of the Millennial Star editorial staff recently visited several home evenings held by families in the Luton Ward of the London Stake. Here-with are some observations from those visits.)

★ The John Hood family of Hemel

Hempstead have established their Home Evening on London Stake's suggested Thursday evenings. Busy salesman Bro. Hood endeavors to be home by 6 p.m. on Thursdays so that his four daughters will not be up later than their usual school bed time.



Sister Hood of Luton Ward uses chart to give the Family Home Evening lesson on the Holy Ghost to family and friends.



Refreshments are served by the four children of Bro. and Sis. John Hood. From left are Sara, Rachel, Anna and Debra.

Sara, the eldest daughter, planned the programme on this particular evening. She was joined by her sisters Rachel, Anna and Debra. The latter two attend a pre-school nursery. The children sang and danced as part of the programme.

Sister Hood, a teacher in the ward Junior Sunday School, taught the lesson on the Holy Ghost, using a flannel board to keep the attention of the young children and present the pertinent facts.

Afterward, Sister Hood commented that "the children like Home Evening. They look forward to it and several times during the week the younger ones in particular want to know when it will be held. Occasionally when Bro. Hood is detained and unable to make it home in time for the Home Evening

the children say, "you didn't come home as you promised."

Sister Hood usually makes some special treats, with the children sometimes assisting her. The children quite often arrange and conduct the evening's programme.

Bro. Hood, the executive secretary for the Home Teaching programme of the ward, said, the children "are very fond of Home Evening. I feel it is the extension of the Sunday School in the home."

The Ab Leeuwenburgh family of Little Gaddison, north of Hemel Hempstead have their Home Evening each weekend. Quite often it is held Saturday evening and occasionally Sunday



A trip through the Holy Land at Easter time has excited the Ad Leeuwenburgh family of Little Gaddison (Luton Ward). Sis. Leeuwenburgh made the map and assembled the pictures which has the children eagerly awaiting the holiday.

evening, the time arranged to fit a busy schedule.

Bro. Leeuwenburgh, an electrical engineer, has heavy responsibilities with a large pipeline construction project and his arrival at home is unpredictable. He recently was appointed first counselor in the Elders Quorum presidency, a position which also requires much of his time and Sister Leeuwenburgh is a Sunday School teacher. They are natives of Holland, emigrated to Canada

and have been in England about three years.

Often a part of the Home Evening is turned over to a "practice or rehearsal" period for the children to present their talks they will give later in the ward Sunday School or Sacrament Meeting. This has been a fine idea for aiding the children in presenting their talks.

The family is going to the Holy Land during the Easter holiday. Sister Leeuwenburgh made a large map, with

Family Home Evening

pictures, to help the children visualize where they will be travelling.

The Leeuwenburgh children also look forward to Home Evening and especially to the weekends when the family can be together. Since there are many beautiful areas in the woods and hills surrounding the home, often the family takes walks into these areas to enjoy God's great gift to mankind through Mother Nature.

Sister Pam Ratcliff and Sister Connie Tait often combine their home evenings

sharing in the programmes. Sister Ratcliff is ward chorister and Sister Tait, Cultural Refinement teacher in the Relife Society.

Much singing is experienced at these Home Evenings. Sister Ratcliff believes one sure way Latter-day Saint families can "Back Britain" is by conducting regular Home Evenings where children can be taught to grow and develop into "responsible citizens and leaders in the Church and nation. Children are the backbone of the nation and need to be shown the way through love," she said.



Practising talks before the family is a special part of Family Home Evenings in the Ad Leeuwenburgh family. Freddie takes his turn.



WHY FAMILY HOME EVENING



★ We have just finished our home evening programme with our family and the smaller ones are off to bed. We can hear the commotion as they scuffle and play as their mother turns down the covers and readies the bed for their comfort. Finally there is the silence of quiet slumber and mother rejoins us before the fireplace.

"Why do we have home evening?" asks our fifteen-year-old. She has been a little resentful of the smaller children tonight. They have been restless and it has been difficult to hold their interest for long.

"Why do we have homes?" We counter. "Why not turn our children over to state nurseries at birth. In that way we would have no worries. It is one of the things we do because we have the Gospel. This means that the Lord has revealed to us our place in His creations and His plans and purposes with regard to us.

"Before we joined the Church our home was a place to eat and sleep. Our purpose was to entertain ourselves to escape boredom. Manners and cultural refinement were gauged on our station in life. Children were to be tolerated—one brought them into the world so one must feed them and rear them.

"Things are different now. We now know that we are one unit of a divine family. We have our place in that family with a promise that we may become like our Father in Heaven if we will honour that family. The Eternal Father has made some rules for us to obey in order to achieve this goal.

"First, we must desire to obey Him in righteousness, that is, we must want to keep His commandments. Then we must strive with all our strength to do so. We think of commandments as the ten given on Sinai or the sermons of the Lord on the Mount and on the plain, but there are others revealed in this

last day which are additional. These have to do with homes and parents and children.

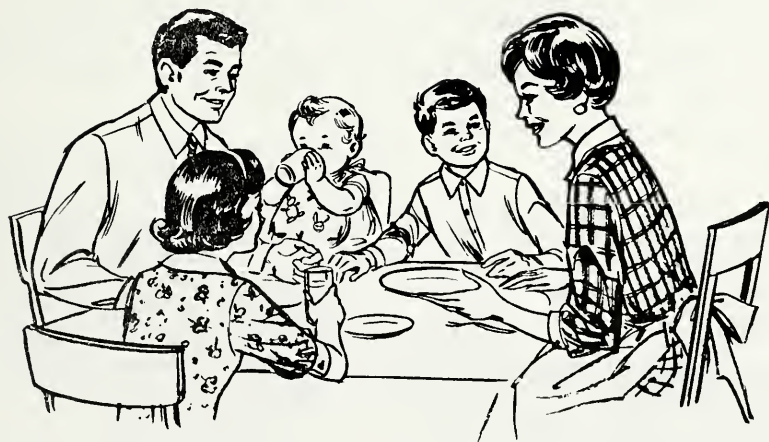
"One of these is that parents should teach their children the true principles and to love their Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Then they should teach the children to obey the commandments which lead to eternal life. This is done in the home by the father and mother.

"Another truth revealed again in this last day is the fact that the man is the head of his house, in the priesthood, as well as by the law of the land. That is, he presides. This has been known for ages, but the basis of it has been long forgotten. Now we know that as head of the home he presides with love, by persuasion and long suffering, never by command, or demand, or coercion. If he coerces, the Lord withdraws his priesthood authority from

him as long as he persists in that way of family control.

"There are ancient laws which are in force in the Gospel. Children obey their parents and honour them, and parents rear children in the way they should go.

"And that is why we have home evening. We teach the Gospel; we practice love, obedience, patience, and doing good to one another of our brothers and sisters. And in doing this we learn to honour father as the head of the house. We look to him for advise and counsel. We learn that mother stands with him and is also honoured, respected and loved. By doing this we learn to love our Father and our Saviour also, because we have done it unto one another in righteousness. He has said that what is done in righteousness and kindness to one another is done unto him."



Aaronic Priesthood Youth Appreciates Home Evening

by Ralph Christensen

Hyde Park Ward, London Stake



★In evaluating the effect that Family Home Evening has had in my life, many ideas come to my mind. First of all it has helped to teach us to achieve a greater feeling of family unity within our home. I have learned much more about the Gospel through our lessons and discussions and have enjoyed the opportunity of sharing my knowledge and ideas with the other members of my family.

The activities suggested in the manual are interesting, and often help by reminding me throughout the week of the goals which we are striving to reach.

Members within a family have many and varied activities to accomplish during the week. These activities send us into different directions and different lines of thought. It is good to keep a special time during the week for the entire family to be together with one

thought in mind—to learn more of Christ's principles.

During the past year I have learned and appreciated the importance of these occasions. My brothers and sisters have been living away from home and having two of them back for Christmas has brought back the true joy of the family.

The Family Home Evening manual, I feel, has been very well planned. It puts the principles of the Church forward in a very interesting manner. Its lessons are easily understood by the youngest member to the oldest. Every member of the family is able to put forward his ideas on a subject. The activities give each of us the opportunity to carry out Christ's teachings in a fun and interesting way.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all families to have their home evenings. I believe they will find it a very rewarding experience, as I have.

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For Your Family Home Evening

FAMILY HOME EVENING SPECIALS

★ Good food adds immeasurably to the pleasure of any social gathering. Our fondest memories as children are often of the delectable offerings from mother's kitchen.

A special dessert served after the Family Home Evening lesson will enhance the joy of being together and add to the store of your children's choice memories.

Chocolate Cake

This recipe is made right in the pan in which it is baked. Thus, there are no bowls to wash up and it is quick to put together. It should be served directly from the pan.

- 6 oz. flour
- 8 oz. sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoon cooking oil (melted shortening may be used)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 oz. water

Sift dry ingredients into ungreased pan. Make three holes in the flour. Put oil in one, vinegar and vanilla in the others. Pour water over the top. Beat with a fork until well mixed and smooth. Bake 35-40 minutes in a moderate oven, 350°. Ice with your favorite vanilla icing.

LEMON DESSERT

Butter a spring form, 8 to 9 inch pan. Line bottom with Boudoir Fingers. Dissolve 1 package of lemon jelly in one cup boiling water. Set in refrigerator until it begins to thicken. Whip 1 large tin of well-chilled evaporated milk to the consistency of whipped cream. Add 4 oz. of castor sugar. Remove jelly from refrigerator, add juice of one or two lemons. Fold in whipped mixture and beat all together. Pour a little into the pans. Line the sides of the pan with more Boudoir Fingers. They will stand up on the sides if they have some of the jelly mixture in the bottom. Pour the rest of the jelly mixture into the pan. Chill in refrigerator. Top with a layer of whipped cream before serving. Cut in pie shaped wedges. Serves 11.

AMBROSIA PUDDING

1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup orange juice

9 oz. crushed pineapple. (If you can't buy pineapple already crushed, buy the pieces and chop them)

1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Vanilla biscuits

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut, toasted

Prepare pudding according to package directions except use $\frac{2}{3}$ cup orange juice for the liquid. Add pineapple. Fold in whipped cream. Pile in six sherbets and tuck biscuits around sides. Chill and top with coconut .

Try These Games

On Your Family

Home Evening



YOU MUST NEITHER FROWN NOR LAUGH

★ This game shows how hard it is to keep what you feel inside from showing in your face. The players sit in a circle. The one who is "it" has a stick of some kind; it may be a yard stick or a broom handle, etc. He stops in front of any player he chooses. No matter what absurd question he asks, the player must answer, "I will," with a sober face. The rest of the players let their faces express their enjoyment by laughing. "It" taps his stick on the floor three times and says:

Here comes an old witch with a stick for a staff, And you must neither frown nor laugh, But say right out, "I will."

Then "it" asks a question which he thinks will make the player laugh or frown.

For example:

Will you eat a fuzzy green caterpillar for refreshments?

Will you stand on your head in the middle of main street tomorrow?

Will you please walk backwards and forwards at the same time?

Will you report to daddy (mother) that you stole a pig yesterday?

Will you put a live mouse down your own neck?

Will you do a dance on rotten eggs?

If in several questions "it" hasn't made the player laugh or frown as he answers, "I will," he tries another player. When a player's face shows anything but quiet soberness, whether he laughs or looks horrified, he becomes "it."

As you explain the game it might be well to have each player think of some good questions which will cause laughter, because the game must move fast. Perhaps you should be the first "it."

How Faces Reveal Feelings About Spiritual Matters

Faces not only reveal how we feel about everyday things, but they reveal how we feel about spiritual things. The following "scripture chase" verifies this. The word countenance is often used in scripture instead of face.

Scripture Chase

Choose references from the following lists. Each person should have his copy of the standard works by him. Give one reference at a time. The person who finds it first may read it unless he has already had a turn and others have not.

Genesis 4:5, 6.

Daniel 5:9.

Matthew 6:16.

Nehemiah 2:2, 3.

Acts 6:14, 15 (Stephen's trial).

Exodus 34:29, 30.

Mosiah 13:5.

Matthew 28:2, 3.

Joseph Smith 2:32 (Angel Moroni—read only first sentence).

Matthew 17:1,2.

III Nephi 19:25.

Doctrine and Covenants 110:3. (Find and read the line describing the face of the Saviour.)

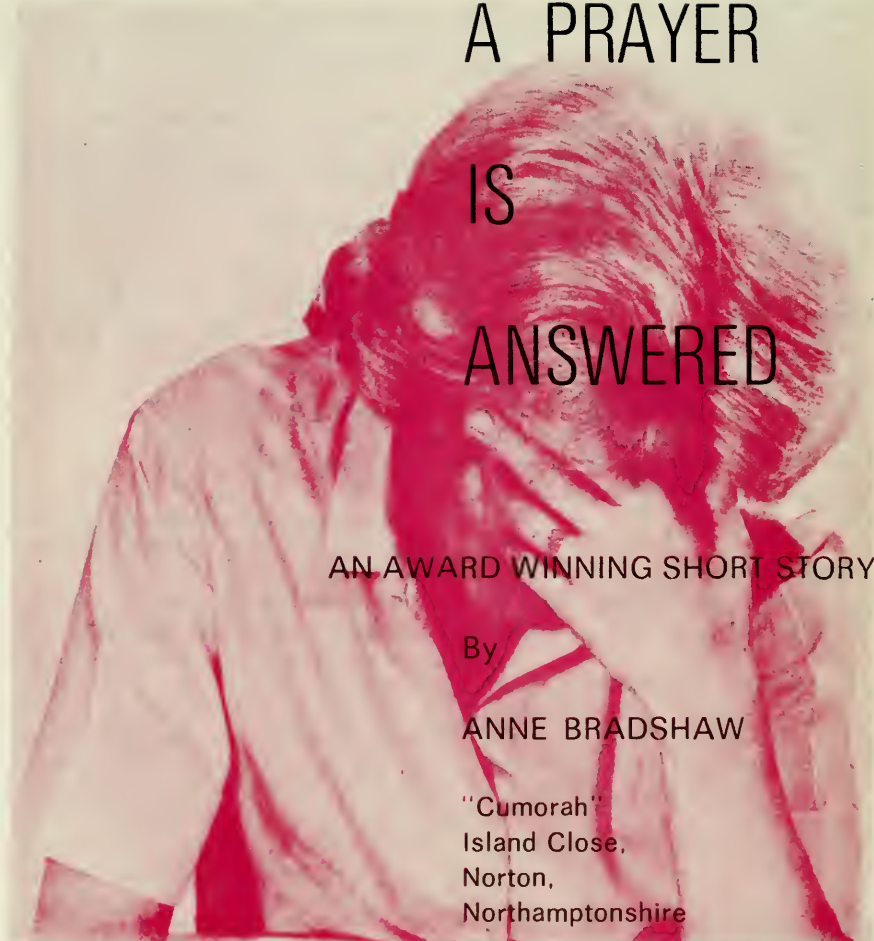
Doctrine and Covenants 93:1.

WHAT IS HOME?

★ A roof to keep out the rain. Four walls to keep out the wind. Floors to keep out the cold. Yes, but home is more than that. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father. Warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship.

Home is the first school, and the first church for young ones, where they learn what is right, what is good, and what is kind. There they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick. Where joy is shared and sorrow eased. Where fathers and mothers are respected and loved. Where children are wanted. Where the simplest food is good enough for kings because it is earned. Where money is not so important as loving kindness. Where even the tea kettle sings from happiness. That is home. God bless it.

Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink



A PRAYER IS ANSWERED

AN AWARD WINNING SHORT STORY

By

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★ "Why me?" whispered Wendy, as she lay in bed that night. "Why should I have to be born into this family? Why should my father accept the Gospel and my mother not, it just doesn't make sense."

She lay puzzling for some hours before sleep finally came. That evening the family had had the biggest argu-

ment she could remember — it had been terrifying to the young 14 year old girl — she had felt the safety of the family unit crumbling and the awful fear had begun to creep into her mind that perhaps parents who parted and families who split up didn't just happen to 'other people' after all — suppose she and Robin, her three-year-old brother, suffered from the same

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fate. The thought was too horrible to bear.

"And who's right anyway?" she thought, "should she believe her father who found truth and satisfaction from the Gospel in which he so strongly believed, or should she believe her mother, who tried to disprove every point that was raised?" The problem seemed even more urgent now, as is usual in those hours of darkness and solitude before sleep, and it became enlarged in her mind to the extent that her final thoughts before sleep were determination to do something about the situation herself.

Ron Thomson sat in front of the glowing coals as they died in the grate. Although the tick of the clock sounded hollow in the corner of the quiet room he didn't even hear it, so deep and tangled were his thoughts.

"Just where've I gone wrong?" he asked himself again and again. He'd tried love and patience for two long years now. He'd prayed persistently for the help he needed to bring the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into his wife's life—his love for her was still great, though very despairing at the thought of the apparent impossibility of ever joining with her in the glory of Temple marriage, and of losing her for time and all eternity because of her failure to see clearly the path of truth.

He worried about the children too—he knew all too well the dilemma a young teenager suffers when confronted with the struggle of loyalties. He remembered his childhood with distaste. The horrors of alcohol had caused the eventual split in his home life and he had always vowed from that day that nothing like that was ever going to happen to him and his family. And yet, now that he'd found reality in Jesus

Christ's Church, which he couldn't possibly renounce when he knew from the depth of his heart that here was truth at last—yet because of this his family were being divided.

"Why, why?" he whispered. "It just doesn't make sense." As the last little flickers of flame licked around the dusky embers his head bowed in pleading prayer to his Father, that he might be granted an answer this time.

Maureen Thomson found sleep very difficult too, as she lay pondering in the darkness of the bedroom. Normally she didn't think twice about the many discussions she and Ron seemed to get involved in regarding the Church—in fact she sometimes rather enjoyed the mental exercise of trying to outwit him with her constant arguments. She didn't even really believe her own point of view half the time, but was too proud to admit it. But this evening was different—this evening she had seen something in the face of her daughter that disturbed and puzzled her. She had seen the same sort of expression before in her youth when she remembered the many animals that had always been in her care at home. How vividly she recalled the day, now that her thoughts centred in the dreams of the past, the day when her eight-month-old puppy had been torn between two loyalties—the loyalty to herself as playmate and friend and the loyalty to her father as master of the house.

"Maureen, you are not to take Gypsy with you" her father's stern words still echoed in her head even to this hour. "If you can't keep a promise then the dog is not to accompany you. You can think yourself lucky you're still going on the picnic."

After having brought out Gypsy's lead

and excited the animal with the thought of the outdoors, she was now confronted with a small appealing face with large soft melting eyes, expressing just that same feeling that Maureen had seen in her own daughter's gaze that evening.

It had never occurred to her before that this conflict over religion between herself and Ron could possibly effect their daughter's feelings "after all, what does a kid of fourteen know of such things" she thought. "There's plenty of time later for her to make up her own mind on that subject." And Maureen, not realizing just how wrong she could be, drifted into sleep, still with that vague sense of unrest and still haunted by a pair of huge bewildered brown eyes.

As the night slowly passed, there was only one member of the Thomson household who slept soundly—that was young Robin, whose three years of life had brought him few experiences to dream about, and those that were conjured up in his mind involved such wondrous things as snowballs that disappeared in his hands as they froze his fingers, and Daddy's car that moved both forwards and backwards without his even having to push! His sweet spirit was as yet untouched by the grownup problems of those nearest to him.

Ron, in utter weariness, had gradually sunk deeper into the armchair in the sitting room, and finally dozed into a restless sleep which brought him dreams in plenty. Strangely enough though, they weren't too bad, considering the nightmares he had been going through when awake. In fact he had one wonderful dream in which he saw his wife by his side in the Temple of the Lord. Their two children were also present and as the family knelt by the

altar they heard those words which Ron had prayed to hear for so long—words that sealed them together for time and all eternity. He saw the expression on his wife's face as she felt the same sweet impact of the moment and he knew that never had he experienced such joy and love. He could even see tears on Wendy's face glistening on the radiant glow of her cheeks as she gazed around at this, the family unit, secure in the blessing of eternal bonds.

The dream was so clear and so poignant that when he awoke it was with that feeling of happy anticipation that the events had actually taken place. His cramped position in the armchair soon brought him back to reality however, but regardless of stiff limbs he couldn't help but feel inspired in some way. It was as if at last something inexpressible was about to happen. His mood that day was very different from that of the past few months.

Mrs. Thomson awoke at intervals throughout the night, expecting each time to find her husband by her side, but not gathering enough energy to go down and remind him that bed was more comfortable than the armchair. She would probably have slept deeply if it hadn't been for the constant creaking of Wendy's bed in the next room.

"She really must be troubled" she thought, "there's normally no sound all night from Wendy, but that tossing and turning must mean something." It certainly did—poor Wendy's mind was working overtime. It seemed to recall events from the past two years in quick succession, but with extreme clarity. There was the picture of her father's baptism. Her mother hadn't gone with them, but Wendy had been allowed to take Robin in the pram in order to "give Mummy a rest for a while." Then there had been the plays, concerts, parties,

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sports evenings and enjoyment with young people of her own age such as she had never taken part in before in her life. She had gone along to one or two lessons with the crowd on Sundays, but more often than not her mother intervened on those days and insisted on Wendy's company on that one day a week at least. So it wasn't surprising that she had little real knowledge of the things in which her father believed, especially as discussions at home became so complicated that she tried her hardest to avoid being present when they were taking place. She never asked questions for this same reason and evaded all her father's attempts to encourage her interest.

The dream that took precedence over all the others remained with her the next day, however, was one in which she seemed to be involved in the middle of an earthquake—the town was unfamiliar to her, but the experience was terrifying. Every house she ran to was swallowed into the ground before her eyes, until she was left in the middle of the street surrounded by gaping holes. She could see her way clear to the untroubled part of the land, but the passage threading between the gaps would be treacherous. In panic she began the journey, not daring to look down anywhere but the actual path her feet were taking. The crunching, tearing sound of breaking mounds of rock, plus the screams of dying people, echoed and re-echoed around the great caverns that were still being created. Wendy's breath came in short gasps as she constantly fought to keep her balance and foothold on the shaking earth, and eventually, at last she could see the final stretch of ground left between herself and safety.

But as she gazed in relief, a strange shape began to arise from the swirling

dust—it formed the body of a man who placed himself right in the middle of that stretch of land. With arms outstretched to provide a complete block across the passage, he began to speak.

"Wendy," he said, "behind you is great danger. In front of you is the way to security. Between the two, however, is a very important decision to be made. You must decide for yourself whether or not the Church your father belongs to is really the right one and if your answer is correct then the path is open for you to tread. If you fail to find out, or come to the wrong answer, then you remain where you are. You must decide . . . you must decide . . . you must decide . . . Wendy was awake with a start, the words still drumming through her mind. "I've got to decide" she repeated, "that's the answer; if I find out for myself



whether or not Dad's right, then I'll know how to help."

She propped herself up with the pillows, switched on the lamp and settled back to think things out. 'Begin at the beginning' was a phrase she had so often heard at school—perhaps it would work now. O.K., so where is the beginning" she thought, and her mind went back to the half remembered story of Joseph Smith's discovery of the golden plates. "That's it—the Book of Mormon" she whispered out loud.

"If I can prove it right or wrong, then I've got the answer, because if it's right then Joseph Smith must have been a prophet to get his facts straight, and if it's wrong then the whole Church must be too."

She was amazed at her own apparent ingenuity that she crept downstairs there and then to find a copy of the book which would help her in her search. From then on, in the weeks that followed, Wendy studied and searched the scriptures in the morning and in bed at night. She remembered also her father's great faith in prayer and included this on each occasion.

To her great surprise she found that she was actually enjoying her search, so much so that she made a bargain with her mother to allow her to attend Sunday School if she promised to keep her room spotless in return. Gradually, much to her father's amazed joy, she developed the strength of testimony that answered her question for her finally and conclusively—now she knew for sure that baptism was the only possible path to choose.

Meanwhile, Wendy's change of attitude had not gone unnoticed. Maureen Thomson could not at first understand it and felt betrayed in some way to

think that she had done this on her own, without the usual consultation with her mother. It began to dawn on her that perhaps her daughter was no longer a child, but was becoming independent and a grown-up person with her own views. The thought shocked her, and, she was ashamed to acknowledge, also saddened her. However, she reluctantly admitted that nothing whatsoever would prevent these stages in life's progression, and once her acceptance of the fact was complete she began to think more seriously about the steps that Wendy had taken.

"How can it be," she puzzled, "that my own daughter has found out something that I don't know about?" My experience of life is far greater than hers, yet she is as firmly convinced as Ron that she's right." This frame of mind made her slightly resentful at first, but as she dwelt longer on the subject, she began to think slightly more clearly and reason told her it just might be that she herself could be the one who was missing out on something.

It wasn't until April 29th however, that things finally came to a head. April 29th was young Robin's birthday, and as every self-respecting young man of three and eleven-twelfths knows, to become four years old is an historical event. He had informed all his friends in the neighbourhood of the important date and they had promised to invade the Thomson household at 2.30 p.m. on the day. Even his 'not-so-friendly' friends had promised to come too, because as they informed their mothers, they really were very fond of Mrs. Thomson's homemade ice cream and raspberry jam.

Wendy had promised to take charge of the catering and games, with the help of her friends from Church, and much to her mother's delight, really



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seemed to know just how to supply twenty young tummys with the right amount of unusual, yet economical food. As the girls told her, they had had plenty of practice on the infants at Primary so she needn't worry about them managing.

Everything progressed very smoothly and even little Terrence from No. 14 managed to get through the afternoon without being sick after the ice cream. The games were well organised but extremely hectic and it was with great relief that they said goodbye to the last little toddler and sank exhausted into comfortable chairs.

"I can't thank you enough girls" sighed Mrs. Thomson, "you've certainly made a hard job much easier and very worthwhile."

"We've enjoyed it Mrs. Thomson" exclaimed Jane, the oldest of the five girls, "we're quite used to this sort of thing and certainly get plenty of reward regardless of the effort it takes."

Mrs. Thomson thought for a minute or two, then said, "You know, I've an idea Robin might enjoy your Primary—give me an idea of the sort of things that go on."

The girls didn't need a second invitation—this was one of their favourite subjects. Before they knew it, they had been talking for over an hour, and the conversation hadn't remained on the one topic either, somehow they had discussed many different aspects of Church life—things that Mrs. Thomson had never realised or thought of before. (Or it could be that she had never wanted to realise before.) Through the simplicity of youth and the faith of these young people she gained more information than two years of argument with her husband.

"You know, Ron," she said that evening, as they relaxed in front of the fire before going to bed, "I think I'd like to go with you next Sunday, only to see what it's like mind you, but we could all go together and Wendy could take Robin along with the little ones couldn't she?"

"Of course, dear" replied Ron, just as though she had made an everyday statement about the weather. He managed to hide very well his inward thankful jump for joy and smiled to himself with happiness, "at last" he secretly sighed, "at long last!"

SKILL OF ESTABLISHING ZION

"The skill of building up and establishing the Zion of our God on the earth is to take the people and teach them how to take care of themselves and that which the Lord has entrusted to their care, and to use all that we command to glorify his holy name."

—Brigham Young

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

★ Dates for stake conferences to be held in the six stakes of the British Isles have been announced by the First Presidency as follows:

Glasgow and London Stakes—February 24-25; May 11-12; September 7-8; and November 23-24

Sunderland and Leicester Stakes—March 2-3; May 18-19; September 14-15 and November 30-December 1.

Leeds and Manchester Stakes—March 9-10; May 25-26; September 21-22 and December 7-8.

Under the new Regional meeting organization the Leeds Region comprising the Glasgow, Leeds and Sunderland Stakes will meet April 20 and November 2. The Manchester Region comprising the Leicester, London and Manchester Stakes is scheduled to meet April 27 and November 9. Pres. A. Ray Curtis is the Regional Representative.

★ "Anvil Chorus" by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Philadelphia Orchestra, (condie-Ormandy Columbia MS 7061) is receiving rave reviews from coast to coast in America. The selections are from the warhorses—Carmen, Cavaleria Rusticans, Faust, Tannhauser, Il Trovatore, Aida, etc.

★ The 450th stake of the Church has been organized. The new San Jose South Stake in San Jose, California, was organized Feb. 11th. This is the third time San Jose Stake has been divided since it was organized in 1952, when the stake had 3,000 members. Today the same area contains 18,500 members.

★ "My religion is now more important to me than soccer," says Bruno Gerzeli, internationally known soccer star from Italy. He, his wife, and three children are happy members of the Toronto Stake in Canada.

He came to Canada where he met his lovely brunette wife. Later she met a neighbour, a Mormon and went to Church with her. Bro. Gerzeli took a little longer for conversion. After viewing the Sacred Grove near Palmyra, N.Y., "it was like turning on the light in a dark room. I believed," he said.

★ A newly discovered, rare portrait of the Prophet Joseph Smith, has come

into the possession of Buddy Youngreen, a member of the Pasadena Stake and of the Pasadena Playhouse College faculty, in California.

The oil portrait was retrieved from an ashcan. Previously it had belonged to a woman having a large stable in Pasadena.

It is believed the painting is an original, painted about 1840 and valued at about \$500.

Mr. Youngreen says reasons for believing it is the Prophet Joseph Smith are the line-like dimple between the eyes, full lips similarly shaped, hair brushed forward at the temples and the long straight nose.

It could be an original of the Prophet Joseph Smith, say officials at the Church Historian's office in Salt Lake City.

fragments in the New York Museum of Art, Dr. Hugh Nibley of the BYU discloses another fragment of the papyri has been found in the vaults at the Church Historian's office in Salt Lake City.

The fragment is a part of a collection the Church has pertaining to the Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar prepared by Joseph Smith.

★ Aiding in the coverage of the Winter Olympics at Grenoble, France is Jean Saubert of Salt Lake City, a former Olympic skier. Miss Saubert is now a school teacher and assistant sports director in her ward in Salt Lake City.

She captured the world's ski fancy four years ago as she won a bronze medal in the slalom and a silver medal in the giant slalom. She is aiding in the covering of the olympics for ABC television.

★ Since our report in the January Millennium Star of the finding of the papyri

OUR PURPOSE

"Our purpose ... is to develop our bodies, to attempt perfection in them, so that the spirit which God grants the privilege of dwelling in this body of clay shall, in its development, be unhampered by physical imperfections."

—Antoine R. Ivins

CHASTITY

FUNDAMENTAL

TO LIFE

By

President Joseph Fielding Smith

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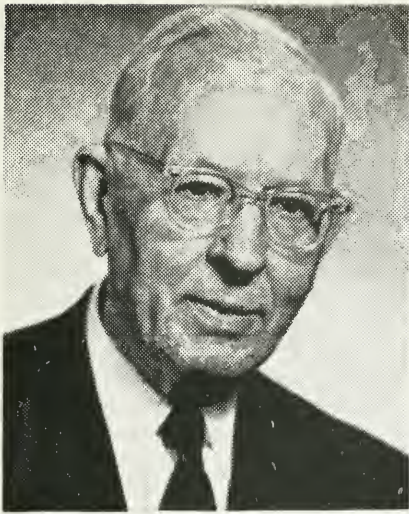
★ According to the dictionary, chastity means, "The state or quality of being chaste, free from sexual impurity; free in thought, modest and free from vulgarity."

When our Redeemer was with the Nephites on this continent after His resurrection, He emphasised this principle by saying to them: "And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their

sins, and their faithfulness unto the end.

"Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptised in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, this is my gospel; and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do that shall ye also do; for that which ye have



carnal, sensual, and devilish." (Moses 5:13)

Very frequently I have this question asked of me: "When Lucifer, or the devil, was cast out of heaven, why did the Lord permit him to come to this earth to tempt and torment us, rather than to have been sent with his followers to an isolated place?"

My answer to this question has been that it seems clear that the Father permitted Lucifer to come here to tempt us and test our faith. The fact is clear that Adam and his posterity were not left without divine commandments and guidance. Angels visited them and instructed them and commanded them to raise their children in light and truth. Moreover, the fall was not the terrible mistake which so many have been led to believe.

seen me do even that shall ye do;

"Therefore, if ye do these things blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day:" (3 Nephi 27:19-22.)

From what we see as we travel from city to city and from what we read in the public press, we are forced to the conclusion that repentance from sin is extremely essential throughout the entire world. In fact, there is seldom a time in the known history of mankind when sexual sin was not prevalent and the violation of the divine commandments was almost universal.

It was not long after Adam and Eve had children who began to pair off and establish families that the influence of Satan was felt, and the sons and daughters forgot the teachings of their parents. We read that Satan came among them saying: "I am also a son of God;" and he commanded them to believe not the teachings of their parents, and the record informs us that from that time forth men became, "...

It is customary in the religious world to speak of the fall as "man's shameful fall," leaving the impression that had Adam refused to partake of the fruit, he and Eve and their posterity would have lived in eternal bliss and harmony. The fact is clear, however, had Adam not partaken he and Eve would have lived alone without posterity. Therefore the fall was a necessity, and this was clearly stated by Mother Eve when she said: "Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient." (Ibid., 5:11.)

This mortal life is just an essential part of our eternal existence. We came here to be tested and proved by coming in contact with evil as well as the good. It is necessary that we be tempted and tried, but the Eternal Father did not leave us helpless in the midst of evil. From the very beginning the plan

of salvation was presented to our first parents. They taught these principles to their children.

It is necessary, however, that we have trials and temptations, as well as the divine commandments. Therefore the Father has permitted Satan and his hosts to tempt us, but by the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord and the commandments given through revelation we are prepared to make our choice. If we do evil, we have been promised that we will be punished; if we do good, we will receive the eternal reward of righteousness. Every soul has been given the gift of free agency. It is essential that we learn both good and evil and thus resist and overcome the evil. If we live righteously there will come eternal salvation and exaltation in the kingdom of God.

Cleanliness of life will bring the reward of exaltation and an eternal existence in the kingdom of God. If we choose the evil, the reward will be in punishment. Eventually every sin will have to be righted. Our Saviour paid the price of our transgressions if we do not sin a sin worthy of eternal death and humbly keep His commandments; otherwise He has said, we must suffer even as He did.

When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, the Lord gave them many commandments. Among these commandments He taught the Israelites that their bodies were sacred and that they should not be improperly exposed. Among these instructions we find this necessary commandment:

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment:

for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." (Deut. 22:5.)

Today it is a common sight, even on the streets of the cities of the Latter-day Saints, to see women dressed in pants and suits similar to those worn by men. We are forced to declare that this is not a lovely sight. Moreover, it is also frequently the case at parties and places of entertainment that women are arrayed in what I think they call full or party dress, thus exposing a part of the body which should be sacred and not exposed.

The Prophet Isaiah without question saw our day, for he speaks of the daughters of Zion who, in the latter days, would be guilty of all kinds of improprieties in their dress. I will not quote what he said, but if any are curious enough and wish to read it you will find it in the third chapter of Isaiah, verses sixteen to the end.

I am making a plea for modesty and chastity and for the members of the Church, male and female alike, to be chaste, clean in their lives, and obedient to the covenants and commandments the Lord has given us.

I would like to quote a few paragraphs taken from a discourse by President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.:

"Our civilization itself is based upon chastity, the sanctity of marriage, and the holiness of the home. Destroy these and Christian man becomes a brute.

"Chastity is fundamental to our life and to our civilization. If the race becomes unchaste, it will perish. Immorality has been basic to the destruction of mighty nations of the past; it will

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bring to dust the mighty nations of the present. Every one of us who instructs our youth in whatever place or position, and in whatever capacity, must teach the young people of today to abstain from unchastity." (CR, Oct. 1938, p. 137.)

The following counsel is given by President David O. McKay:

"In this day when modesty is thrust into the background, and chastity is considered an outmoded virtue, I appeal to you to keep your souls unmarred and unsullied from this sin, the consequence of which will smite and haunt you intimately until your conscience is seared and your character sordid.

"Remember, too, the significance of the Saviour's saying that if any shall commit adultery even in his or her heart, he shall not have the Spirit, but shall deny the faith and shall fear.

"Resist evil, and the temper will flee from you. If you keep your character above reproach, no matter what others may think, or what charges they make, you can hold your head erect, keep your heart light, and face the world undauntedly because you, your-

self, and your God know that you have kept your soul untarnished." (Ibid., Oct. 1951, pp. 8-9.)

Again from President McKay :

"'My spirit,' says the Christ 'will not dwell in unclean tabernacles.' The corruption that is in the world through lust, as mentioned in one of Peter's Epistles, has its source in thoughts and schemes harbored in the individual mind. A man who takes advantage of his neighbour in a business deal when the opportunity offers has prepared himself for the occasion by dishonest thinking. Young couples do not lose their chastity, named by the Book of Mormon as 'precious above all things' without their having previously in thought justified the act.

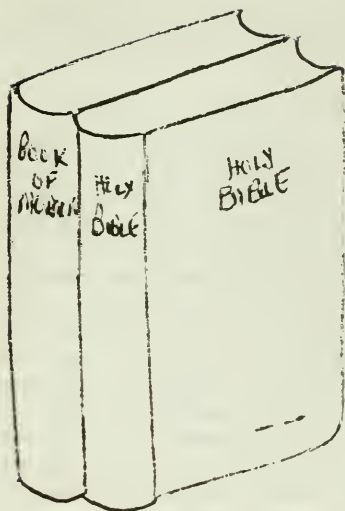
"The husband who coolly turns from a loyal wife and family and seeks illicit relationship elsewhere, perhaps with a disloyal wife of a neighbour, has previously poisoned his soul with immoral ideas. Disgruntled members of society, faultfinders in wards and stakes, do not become such merely because of some offense, real or imagined. What they say and do has been preceded by selfish desires or unattained ambition." (Ibid., April 1951, pp. 96-97.)

WORK

"Man from the beginning possessed the potential power of creating his requirements through work. The words 'create' and 'work' are synonymous. Hence, the power of God is work."

—Joseph L. Wirthlin

Cultivate Spiritual Attributes



By

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★ God is mindful of man and, such as he is, has given him dominion over all things upon earth. He is the appointed master over all creatures of a lower kingdom of creation, and over inanimate objects upon the land, in the sea, and in the air. "... thou hast made him," declared the Psalmist, "a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour." (Ps. 8:5.)

Mortal existence is such that man must give concern to material progress, but since he has been given, by divine right, dominion over all things upon the earth, all material things can be made to serve him. But, as to carnal things, God has given man a special warning, with the commandment to

cultivate the attributes of spirituality and intelligence, the opposites of carnalism.

Unto the early day Roman Saints, Paul the Apostle wrote: "... to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." He then explained what was meant by the carnal mind, when he said the carnal mind "is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God." (Rom. 8: 6-7.)

Unto the Latter-day Saints, the Prophet Joseph Smith speaks of intelligence, with an explanation of its meaning; said he: "The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth.

"Light and truth forsake that evil one." (D&C 93:36-37.)

He said also that a man with a carnal mind cannot abide the presence of God. (See D&C 67:12.)



Almost everyone today who has given the matter any concern and study is convinced that material gain progressively achieved during the past century and a half has reached great heights. The oft referred-to phrase, "this age of enlightenment," refers to the progress that man has made in the fields of science and industry. These advances, generally, are proving to be of great benefit to man's natural existence, and there is no foreseeable end to this type of progress. But the terrific impact of transpiring material progress is making inroads upon man's spiritual and moral behaviour.

These inroads, I believe, are not made because of that which has been achieved materially, for surely the true spiritual concept does not stand in the way of material progress; but rather inroads are being made because of the contemporary surrender and mutation of spiritual values and the fundamental truths of righteous existence needed to meet the challenge of material advancement, the evidence of

which surrounds us, must then be attributed to intensive drifts to carnalism.

As the apex of time draws closer, which will culminate the earth-life existence of man, the basic issues of the spiritual mind and the carnal mind, of right and wrong, and of good and evil will become more pronounced. For example, we see at work in the world today powerful forces of carnalism that are opposed to God and the influences of a spiritual nature that can persuade and direct man to the righteous life.

These advocates of carnalism would substitute God for an invisible earthly comrade and are prepared to lead the masses into global conquest, on the carnal premise that, collaterally, concepts of God as a creator and the divine mission of the Son of God, the Redeemer of mankind, who is the advocate of a system of proven and eternal laws of progress are to be systematically "nominalized," and finally eliminated.

But man need not be deceived by such principles of unrighteous dominion that are centered in "carnalism," for the opposite — those principles of spirituality, faith in God, and exposure to the eternal laws of righteousness — have been made fresh and new by divine restoration from God, through His chosen prophets, in our own day and time. But as this and other issues of right or wrong, good or evil, grow even sharper, we shall witness separations among men. Out of the masses will come those who are of the "carnal mind" and those who are of the "spiritual mind." It is in the latter realm that, by persistent conformity to spiritual or eternal laws, man can reach perfection. In this we see the work and glory of God.

It is the right of each individual to work out his salvation. Given enough

of such individuals who adhere to this right, there exists a kingdom of righteousness, or a kingdom of God. Paul, the apostle, evidenced his clear understanding of this when he said: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." He declared: "For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." (1 Cor. 2:14, 11.)

In my own life I have received complete confirmation of righteous prin-

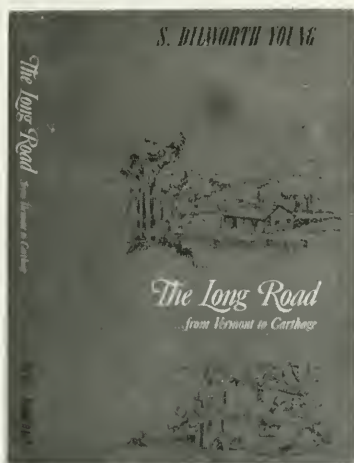
ciples taught in my early years by parents who cared, and by others, pertaining to a spiritual life. In my weak way I am working with these traits, hoping to gain the complete supremacy that they offer. To the Prophet Joseph Smith were revealed many divinely inspired truths that can lift man into the light. In the following, the effect of spiritual mindedness in one's life is given:

" . . . your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things." (D&C 88:67.)

A GUIDING HAND

O God above, I ask of Thee,
That Thou my guide shouldst ever be!
Thou art a tower of strength, I know—
O be with me where'er I go!
O Lord, be with me where'er I go!
In all I do, and all I say!
For human beings are so weak—
A guiding hand is what they seek!
The world is oh, so big and wide—
I need Thee, Lord, to be my guide!

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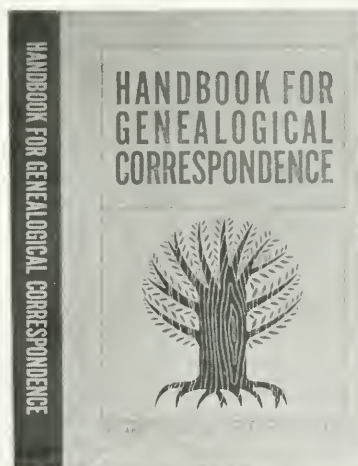
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★ The scholar Carlyle once observed: "The history of this world is written in the lives of its great men." We pay honour and respect to men and women whom we consider to be great by observing the anniversaries of their birth; by erecting monuments and statues to their memory, by visiting their tombs and laying wreaths thereon and by engraving their names on stones and sepulchers. But more important still is the manner in which they linger and live in our memories; how well we remember their teachings and the way they have influenced our lives for good.

Well might we ask the question: "What made these men or women great? What constitutes greatness?" The Greek philosopher Pericles, many centuries ago, pondered this problem

Ye First The Kingdom Of God

and finally arrived at the conclusion that: "Men who are longest remembered, and whose memories are most highly revered, are not those who made the most money, but those whose hearts were gentle, whose sympathies were broad, and who best served humanity."

We are often prone to judge men hastily and to consider them great if they accumulate or amass a substantial amount of wealth. Ofttimes during this acquiring process, such men become self-centered and lose sight of things spiritual and neglect opportunities to help others.

The Lord, who is aware of the weaknesses of men, sounded a note of warning against these tendencies when He questioned: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? . . ." (Matt. 16:26.) Then later He proclaimed: "Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen . . ." (D&C 121:34.) He then explained why they are not chosen, giving this reason: "Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, . . ." (Ibid., 121:35.)

The possession of wealth and the things of this world are not objectionable if used for righteous purposes. The ancient Prophet Jacob made it clear

when he gave this sage counsel on the proper use of wealth:

"But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God.

"And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted." (Jacob 2:18-19.) In a word, to assist fellow men and to serve God.

While we realize that wealth cannot buy happiness nor eternal life, one has humorously suggested: "Money may not bring happiness, but it can surely make being in misery a lot more enjoyable." To work and to earn a comfortable living is important. Latter-day Saints are taught that everyone, insofar as possible, should be self-supporting, maintaining his own economic independence, and looking to no one but himself for assistance. A man also has the responsibility of providing for his family. To earn a livelihood and at the same time live within one's income become both a challenge and a goal.

But while doing these important things, does man have no responsibility to his neighbour or to God? Can he not provide for his family and at the same time serve his fellow men?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is composed of lay members. The leaders and workers are called

from the ranks. Every single member is a potential leader, and every day throughout the Church certain individuals are called and chosen to fill positions of importance. In accepting these callings they are recognizing the words of the Saviour, when He said: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matt. 23:11.)

This attitude of humility was evidenced by a former Vice-President of the United States who rose to great heights of prominence, even aspiring to become President, although unsuccessfully. Later he was elected to a more humble office as a junior Senator from his home state. In accordance with Senate protocol, he took his seat on the rear row. His associates and fellow Senators, over whom he had presided, offered him, out of love and respect, a desk on the front row. He modestly declined, uttering this classic statement: "I am willing to be a junior and sit on the back row, for I had rather be a servant in the house of the Lord, than sit in the seats of the Mighty."

It is interesting to note the varying ways in which individuals respond to calls made of them. When the Lord told Moses that he was the one chosen to become the leader of Israel and was to lead his people out of captivity and bondage, Moses was startled and began to offer one alibi and excuse after another, stating that his people would not believe that he was the one that had been called to become their leader. The Lord gave him many assurances, but Moses was still doubtful, and finally said, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent . . . but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." (Exod. 4:10.) Noting his reluctance after the many promises and assurances given, the anger of the Lord

was kindled against Moses, and he was instructed to call Aaron, his brother to assist and serve as his spokesman.

During the Saviour's ministry upon the earth, He thrilled and uplifted those who listened to His teachings. Many had a desire to follow and hear more of His inspired utterances. One disciple expressed his intention of following and gaining more information, but made the request: " . . . Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." This would seem to be a reasonable request. But Jesus answered and said unto him: "Follow me . . . Let the dead bury their dead." (Luke 9:59-60.)

In contrast to these instances of hesitation and lukewarmness it is refreshing to note how some of the apostles responded to the calls Jesus made of them. The Saviour, while " . . . walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

"And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matt. 4:18-20.) Here there were no questions asked, no alibis offered, no arguments given.

Going on a little farther, the Saviour saw two other men, James and John, who were also fishermen. They were assisting their father Zebedee in mending their nets. When he called them, they immediately and without hesitation left their ship and their father and followed Jesus. (See *Ibid.*, 4:21-22.) Were they not filled with the spirit of obedience and service?

As calls come to us for church service by the Lord's representatives, it is natural for us to wonder why we have been selected. The Lord has made it plain that every individual has been

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blessed and endowed with certain gifts and talents. And while there are many gifts, yet "To some is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby. (D&C 46:12.)

"And all these gifts come from God, for the benefit of the children of God." (Ibid., 46:46.)

Now it was intended that these gifts and talents should be shared with others, for the purpose of rendering service to fellow men and making their lives happier. Every week the Tabernacle Choir thrills, inspires, and uplifts us, their listeners, with beautiful music.

Many of us are not blessed with musical talents, but there are other gifts that we do possess, and other services that we can render. The poet, Edward Everett Hale, aptly expressed this thought:

"I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do something
that I can do."

There is a joy that comes from working and rendering service in the Church and in being a servant to our fellow men. King Benjamin taught: "... when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17.)

To every faithful member of the Church will come opportunities to serve in some capacity, for the need for service in the fields of missionary work, temple, home teaching, instructing classes, choirs, and musical groups, work on welfare projects, administrative positions, and many other activities, still remains great.

If we would meet the Saviour's standard for greatness, we will readily and humbly accept the callings that come and become servants in the house of the Lord, remembering that "He gives best who serves most." Then we may rest assured that if we do our best, the Lord will do the rest.





A TIME FOR TESTING AND TEACHING

by Elder S. Dilworth Young
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★ Heber C. Kimball, a member of the First Presidency at one time, and the grandfather of Elder Spencer W. Kimball, had great prophetic vision. He voiced it occasionally, and once he said, (I am not quoting him verbatim but as I recall it.) "There is a test coming; there will be a testing." What he was trying to imply, I suppose, was that we must not get smug that the test would come, and each one of us would have an opportunity to find out if he would stand when the pressure was on, when seemingly the evidences were against us, when all hell would be raised up to defeat us. Would we stand the test? I am sure he meant to imply that every man would be tested before he would be accepted.

I submit that the modern testing which comes from the insidious boring-in of ideas which imitate truth, excuse deception, and discount both evil and its author, is a much more difficult one to encompass and to resist than the physical test of the past. In the day when Brother Kimball spoke, there appeared to be more physical difficulties to encompass than those spiritual or mental. At that time we could protect our children. Life was simple. We could easily persuade them to see as we saw and do as we did, because a large part of communication was from parent to children. No one else had very much to do with them.

Now however, the test is directed at the children. They are being deceived into believing that they can think and act with maturity long before they are mature. In this they are much deceived, and rebellious against parental restraint. They are ripe fruit for the plucking.

Today our test is with our families and the false ideals of the day. We

need not succumb to it. Parents can protect their children if they will, but it takes time and effort. Parents are still the most potent and sure protection and defense, provided they are righteous parents, alert and informed.

I cannot believe, personally, that the Lord God comprises black and white into gray. If I read correctly, His constant admonition is to become white, to purify one's self, to become perfect. I think the Lord draws sharp lines and declares that whatever leads to evil is evil. It is the evil in us which leads us to want to compromise a little and to be earthy as well as earthly.

May I present two points of view: If my normal outlook is that it is expected that my child will have the experiences of marriage without its responsibilities during adolescence, and that handling cocktails successfully without becoming obnoxious to my fellows is manly, or that cigarettes with coffee during and after meals is desirable, or that a trip to a gambling palace in a neighboring state is a legitimate recreation, or that viewing vulgar or exciting floor shows is not sin so long as I take no physical active part, then I am not going to be alarmed at the advice some people give my adolescent children about their actions, nor am I going to be concerned with their television fare nor with what type of pictures appear in their favorite weekly magazines especially those which glamourise drunken and debauching night life in flaming colour.

Since under these circumstances I have no real reason to elevate my life, believing that old-fashioned morality is outdated, I shall then class as great literature some works such as Boccaccio, Casanova, Lawrence, Fitzgerald,

and others, to make certain that for a rounded-out life, my children should be exposed to the accounts of recreation of these loose and lewd men who happen to have unusual powers of sensual description.

And since my body is not sacred but purely animal creation, an accident of some evolutionary urge without any particular pressure in any particular direction to bring me to what I am today, then I can laugh with great pleasure at jokes and sly references to its functions. If my children end up in need of psychiatric help when they discover the futility of life, I can also get cheap medical help by going to a moving picture in which an author of like mind and habit, combined with a director who understands, because this has been his experience also, portrays the agonies and frustrations of those whose mental equipment has broken down upon the indulgence in these evils, for an equally sadistic solution to the problem thus posed. Then I can take comfort from the thought that my children have had the same kind of experience and are not so abnormal after all.

Children echo the words and imitate the standards of the adults to whom they are exposed. If a child grows up in an environment where stealing hub caps and gasoline, or ganging up on innocents in the street, or breathing glue fumes, is the normal expectation, it cannot be expected that his conception of moral integrity will make his word worth much or his actions trustworthy when he gets to be a mature adult. I can lull my conscience by thinking that his actions are the result of a disease which anyone knows, of course, can strike anyone. Therefore he is not fundamentally ac-



countable for what he does. He is to be pitied but not censured.

But if my understanding is to know my true place in the eternal purpose of God, that I am His son, that I may become like Him, and that His commandments are to be kept, that happiness is found only by being in harmony with His laws, and further, that Satan is determined to keep me from either practising or thinking about these elevating truths, I say, if this is my knowledge and my belief, then I am going to be not only concerned, but I am also going to take action to protect my children from the designs of evil men in the last days, as the 89th section portrays. (See D&C 89:4.)

I shall do my best to teach my child that he is a sacred person, that he is an eternal being of two parts, body and spirit, to be fused together in the resurrection, that this eternal joining will best be accomplished if each part

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has equal development, that the body must be trained and conditioned for eternal progress in its celestial abode as well as the spirit, that because it is of the earth it tends to become earthy as well as earthly, but that it can be made subject to the will of the spirit.

I shall give him enough of my time to guide him but not enough to overshadow him or to take away his agency, his practise in making decisions. But I shall make certain that he has the correct viewpoint of the malpractices of modern life and expose him to all that I can find that is good and true and right.

I shall show him the joy of righteous endeavor and the rewards of righteous thought and habit, and while in his formative years, I shall teach him to love truth and beauty and to abhor the sordid and the drab. I shall also protect him from evil influences that are beyond his understanding, but not beyond his imitating.

Above all, I shall do my best to

teach him the basic difference between right and wrong and show him that his decisions must always be made on that basis rather than on the basis of convenience or advantage to himself. I shall teach him the wages of sin is death, that evil is sin which he is to resist with all his strength, that he is accountable and will have to answer for it.

And I shall also teach him a true understanding of repentance and of the great sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that repentance will have meaning and purpose. I shall do my best to teach him the sacredness of family life and of the family. He will be taught, too, the importance of the family relation in the eternal plan. Already he will have seen some practical examples of this in the conduct of my own life of which he has such a daily, intimate view.

I shall realise that I cannot deceive him if I will as to the kind of man I am, but I can fill him with the ideals of the kind of man I should be and desire him to become.

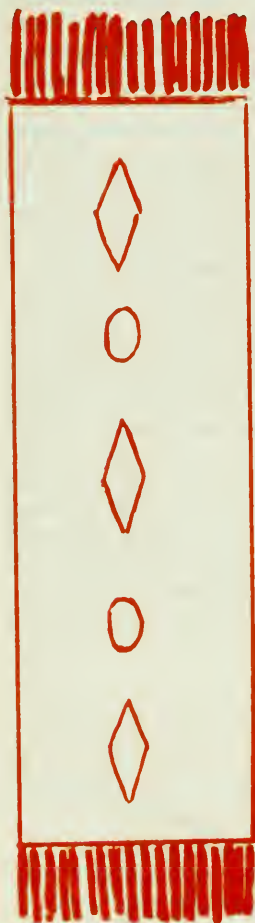
HONESTY

"Honesty condemns falsity in all its forms. It does not permit the bearing of false witness ... It does not sow dissension. Truth, confidence, assurance, and peace are the offspring of honesty."

—Albert E. Bowen

Things To Make

★ Mothering Sunday is in March. Can you make your mother a lovely gift? Here is an idea that you might like to try.



Trace the fish body onto felt and cut out four shapes. Cut four round circles for the eyes. Cut a long strip of felt ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch x 10 inches) and insert between two fish shapes. Glue. Glue the two fish shapes together on either end of felt strip.



FELT BOOKMARKS

Cut a strip of coloured felt 1 inch wide and seven inches long. Fringe both ends. Glue different shapes of coloured felt on one side to decorate.

Materials

Scraps of coloured felt
Copydex
Tracing paper
Shears

Children's Section

CHURCH HISTORY QUIZ

1. What was Joseph Smith's mother's name?
2. Where was Joseph Smith born?
3. Give the names of two of Joseph Smith's brothers or sisters?
4. How old was Joseph Smith when he had a vision?

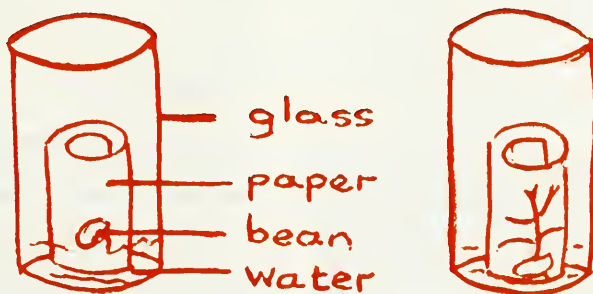
(Answers at the bottom of the page.)

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . THAT YOU CAN GROW A PLANT FROM A HARICOTE BEAN?

If you want to watch it grow, place some blotting paper inside a glass. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of water in the bottom. Place the bean between the blotting paper and the glass. Keep water in the bottom so that the blotting paper will be damp all the time.

WATCH EACH DAY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BEAN SEED.



- Answers to Quiz
1. Lucy Mack Smith
 2. Sharon, Vermont, U.S.A.
 3. Hyrum, Samuel, Sifronia
 4. 14

Youth Fireside Welcomes New Year

BRITISH MISSION

★ On New Year's Eve the Lowestoft M.I.A. held a fireside meeting at the chapel. President Carlos O. Wood, British Mission counsellor and his wife were the guest speakers together with District President John Margotson. Short talks and various items were also given by the branch members and refreshments were served.

About 35 young people saw the New Year in, but 72 members braved the adverse weather conditions to attend a Roast Turkey dinner later that day. All the branch helped in some way, President Coleby assisted by several sisters prepared and cooked the dinner, and the M.I.A. served the meal and waited at the tables. After the feasting there was dancing to the band of the Haiwian Beats.

would like a celebration where none of the members had to work for a change, so their dinner and dance on Jan. 22nd was held at the Imperial Hotel, and everyone had a gay and carefree evening.

MANCHESTER STAKE

More than a hundred people from the Ashton/Oldham Ward attended a Dance in the Cultural Hall on New Year's Day from 8 p.m. until 12-15 a.m. Dancing was non-stop, with a programme of pop, modern, old-tyme, country and western, Scottish reels and novelty dances, something for everybody in fact.

The Ward Executive committee decided that there would be no charge for admission and no refreshments, so that all who attended would be able to join in the fun and not be involved in manning the door, or washing up dishes etc.

★ Gorleston Branch decided that they

NEWS



The evening concluded with Auld Lang Syne and Happy New Year greetings, and although everyone enjoyed it some of the older members had stiff joints and aching muscles the next day to remind them of their unaccustomed exertions.

★ The High Priests' Quorum of the stake held a very successful buffet dance at the Ashton/Oldham Chapel on Dec 30th, 1967.

Snowball waltzes, novel methods of selecting dance partners, progressive barn dances, virginia reels etc., all helped to get everyone mixing with members from other wards.

Albert G. Evans with his funny stories Bishop Ernest Preston and Thomas E. Leah, in their amusing interpretation of Liza and Henry in "There's a Hole in My Bucket" and Bishop Roy Caddick playing the piano for community singing, provided the entertainment.

A riddle prepared by Elsie Lee of the Whitefield Ward, kept everyone guessing right up to the end. George Lee made an excellent M.C. and the programme was full and entertaining.

The attractive buffet was prepared by President Lilian Smith and members of the Ashton Ward Relief Society, Mary Giles was responsible for the centre piece decorations.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Congratulations to Brother A. V. Harris of Helston Branch who has just

completed his training as a carpenter. He started training while on his building mission at Sunderland, he also worked on the Huddersfield and Plymouth Chapels.

★ Approximately fifty saints attended the Cornwall District M.I.A. Talent Night at Falmouth, and enjoyed a really good show.

★ You could describe Helston Branch as one big happy family, they do everything together, so when Joan Bray celebrated her birthday recently the M.I.A. gave her a birthday party.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ All the Primaries in the Kilmarnock District took part in a painting competition and the entries were on display at the District Conference on Jan. 7th. The standard was very high, and judges District President Ronald F. Lovell and Sister Elva Brown, wife of the Mission President, had a very difficult task in selecting the winners. There were three groups with a choice of subject in each class.

Skylets could choose from "The Christmas Star", "My Family" and "Fun in the Garden".

Pilots had "I am a pilot", "My Eighth Birthday" and "The Pioneers". While the Lihomas and Trail Builders' subjects

were "My Primary", "Sports Day" or "A trip into space."

The winners were presented with a little book, and the first three in each group received a certificate which was signed by the District President, his first counsellor and the District Primary President. The winning entries were then sent to the Children's Friend for their drawing page.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A grand display was given by the Mennell School of Dancing at the Scarborough Chapel recently.

It was sponsored by Jane Wardle, whose grandfather is a member of the school. The group had also given a display at the Spa earlier in the evening, and though some scenes needed a larger stage, the talent, colourful dress and scenery were enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

The highlight was the performance of "Hansel and Gretel", with it's sugar house and very convincing witch, the young principals giving a charming and talented display, well supported by the rest of the cast.

A small group of Relief Society sisters and their husbands enjoyed a dinner at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough on Dec. 29th. Leisurely conversation was enjoyed while they waited for the meal to be served, and this was also appreciated by the sisters who are the prime movers in the chapel kitchen during social evenings.

★ The Beverley Branch Party on Dec. 30th began at 3.30 p.m. with games for

both children and adults organised by Geoffrey Dunning. By 5 p.m. everyone had worked up an appetite and enjoyed a buffet style tea which consisted of soup, sandwiches, cakes, trifle and pop.

On New Year's Eve a fireside was held at the Thistleton's home in Beverley, and the branch members arrived at 10.30 p.m. Walter Chiles led them in discussion about the old year and how they felt they could improve in the new year. The discussion concluded at midnight when the saints toasted in the New Year and sang Auld Lang Syne. Refreshments of baked potatoes, sandwiches and cakes were then served and aims and resolutions made for 1968.

★ John Bradbury who was 2 years old on New Years Day was not too sure of his feelings when he went to St. Helens Branch Primary Party, but all the other children were able to re-assure him as they ate their way through all the good things that had been provided to eat. Games and entertainments followed and the primary workers made sure that everyone had a really good time.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Hartlepool Ward Relief Society sisters were responsible for a delicious meal of soup, roast turkey with stuffing, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, followed by apple pie and cream at the M.I.A. annual dinner dance. About 50 saints danced in the cultural hall afterwards, which had been gaily decorated by the M.I.A. members.

On Dec. 30th the ward held a special party for the Sunday School and Primary children. It started with games organised by Jim Hastings, and then came



Newton Aycliffe members pose for a photograph at their ward dance.

ice cream and fruit jelly, and as many sandwiches and cakes as the young ones could eat. A Talent Spot followed, at which Darwin and Ian Laurie and John and Paul Butcher gave a loud rendering of their favourite "Thank you very much". All the forty children received a gift plus an apple, an orange and a bag of sweets. John Davidson had been busy shopping for these and Bishop Lauries had a headache paying for them all!

★ A children's New Year Party was held at Middlesbrough Ward on Jan. 2nd. The talents of the Sunday School and Primary staff combined to provide plenty of excellent food and entertainment.

The ward held an Open Evening on Jan. 16th. Ten investigators attended,

and the Mayor of Middlesbrough who expressed interest in the building and the film "Man's Search for Happiness".

★ There was a mixture of old tyme and modern dances to suit everybody at the Newton Aycliffe Ward Dance in December. Games and spot prizes added to the fun.

★ North Shields Relief Society held a successful sale of all kinds of toys, clothing, pictures, fancy goods, cakes, puddings, jams and other preserves, and they raised £68 towards their new chapel.

★ In the north of England the dawning

of a New Year is taken almost as seriously as in Scotland, and so the Newcastle M.I.A. followed a guided programme and held a New Year's Eve Fireside in the chapel at 10 p.m. The programme consisted of taped music, and inspired talks by Church leaders Harry Gray then spoke on "Celebrating the New Year Abroad", and Gordon Matthews (with the aid of a large home-made calendar) reviewed the Ward's Highlights of 1967. Barbara Standing and Roger Cunningham representing the M.I.A. bore their testimonies and Melvyn Brown conducted the programme which closed at 11.55 p.m. 12.15 a.m. saw the New Year's Party Dance underway. Entertainment on the stage between dances helped the party to go with a swing, and the full-time missionaries sextet under the direction of Elder Johnson, was very much appreciated as were the other singers and guitarists.

Recently ordained to the Melchizedek Priesthood, and the youngest Elders of the Ward, William Maudlin and Norman Myers visited Albert E. Roberts, the senior elder, who has been very ill, and administered to him. The visit was very welcome and Brother Roberts greatly cheered by their thoughtfulness.

A Farewell Party for Ann Seeley was held at Newburn on Jan. 9th, she emigrated to Australia on the 15th. Amongst the gifts she received was a beautifully bound New Testament.

A change in the Y.M.M.I.A. now sees Roger Cunningham as superintendent. Since his release from a full-time proselyting mission, Roger's many talents have served the saints in numerous capacities. Norman Myers, another very talented young man has been called to serve as assistant ward clerk.



Jo Fraser and Norman Myers entertaining at the Newcastle Ward New Year's party.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Nottingham Primary held a New Year Party for the children on Jan. 2nd, and it was a big success. About thirty-three attended including children, teachers and visitors. The usual party favourites of jelly and ice-cream were included in an attractively presented tea. Eileen Asher and Mavis Rigley organised the games, and each child received a gift of fruit and chocolate.

Members of the M.I.A. had a successful day at the Stake Table Tennis Tournament at Leicester on Jan. 13th, when they won the men's doubles, girls singles and boy's doubles and singles.

★ Eastwood Ward held a concert in aid of the returned Missionary Fund and over 150 saints and friends attended. The programme included the Singing Mothers who discarded their usual



Western style was very much in evidence at the Western bazaar at Peterborough.
From left Josephine Overton, Hazel Grey, Sis. and Bro. Pollard.

black skirts and white blouses in favour of old tyme clothes as they sang a selection of music hall songs.

Other items included solos from George Stephenson and Kathleen Martin, and a monologue by Glenda Leach. The M.I.A. officers did a skit and the Mansfield Branch joined in with their winning Road Show Act, which was a huge success. The young ladies of the M.I.A. prepared and served refreshments.

★ A variety of dancing was enjoyed at the M.I.A. dance at Walsall where Brother Perry acted as M.C. The sisters provided plenty of refreshments and dancing was to Ray Attwell and his accordion, and to records.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ When the Midlands East District held a Bazaar at Peterborough it was in true Western style, with all the stall holders dressed up as Indians, cowboys and cowgirls. Davy Crockett was there to give presents to the children from a covered wagon.

Refreshments of beans on toast, soup, hamburgers etc., were served by Big Chief Pollard. Branches from Stamford, Corby, Peterborough, Huntingdon and Grantham took part, and each branch entertained during the afternoon.

At six o'clock the wagons circled, and to finish off the day the Triple A'A'A' (Anglo-American-Airforce) Square Dance team from Alconbury demonstrated and then had everyone join in, which made a really colourful scene. The bazaar netted £42, but most important a wonderful family day was enjoyed by all who attended.

★ Lincoln M.I.A. held a social and dance which was attended by about eighty people from all over the Midlands East District. Members from Lincoln, Corby and Grantham branches put on a small cabaret, and excellent refreshments were provided by the Lincoln sisters. Guests of honour were the District President, Leonard Joyce and his wife, and the District M.I.A. leaders Bro and Sis Rose.

★ Being short of numbers to form their own Basketball squad, Bob Edden and Graham Burton of the Hereford M.I.A. joined the whitecross team playing in the Herefordshire League, and have suffered only one defeat to date. A challenge match was arranged with the missionary elders of the Midlands West District, and this proved to be a very entertaining match, with the elders winning by 12 points.

Hereford Relief Society held a Beetle Drive and this was a most novel and enjoyable evening for the sisters and



Jill Paine

Banbury Branch

their husbands.

The same hard working sisters also assisted the Primary workers with the presentation and preparation of their children's party. The tables almost collapsed under the weight of a great variety of attractive trifles, cakes and goodies too numerous to mention.

The Co-op Hall at Hereford was crowded on the occasion of the Branch Party, and a tree presented to the branch by Chris Zajac, who is now serving with H.M. Forces in Hong Kong, dominated the stage. Once again the Relief Society sisters excelled themselves with the food, and the tables looked most attractive.

A week after this event, Jill Paine, who has always figured prominently in the M.I.A. leadership, flew from London Airport to Provo, Utah, where she will join students at the B.Y.U. She will be

taking a four year course in Social Studies.

★ Banbury Branch recently held their first stall on Banbury Market. They sold cakes, biscuits, pies, knitted goods and other fancy articles. By 1 p.m. the stall was almost a complete sell-out and they made £7 for the branch budget and £2 for the Relief Society funds.

Branch President Brian Heath acted as auctioneer in an auction of second hand goods, and in spite of a snow storm which kept the attendance down, £13 9s. 0d. was taken. A cheque for £10 was later forwarded to the Northampton Building fund.

The branch party was held in the Banbury Town Hall and members of the Leamington Branch were also invited to take part. The evening of dancing and assorted games was enjoyed by all.



Banbury Branch presidency, from left, Norman W. Kapaska, first counselor, Pres. Brian S. Heath, Chester E. Seivert, second counselor and John T. Plester, clerk.

London Stake MIA Leadership Weekend

★ "Just a taste of what it might be like to live in the Celestial Kingdom", said one of the participants during the testimony meeting, which was one of the highlights of the Stake M.I.A. Leadership weekend at the Epsom Chapel on Jan. 19th/21st. He spoke for all 31 M.I.A. leaders, most still young in years, and all young in heart, who took part in this dynamic and uplifting event.

It was mainly a cultural weekend, with drama playing a large part in it, . . . and what a wealth of talent was uncovered! They also danced and sang, and learned to speak more effectively and played minor games, all with an enthusiasm and total involvement that would have to be experienced to be understood.

Beginning on Friday night with Western and English country dancing and ending on Sunday evening with Sacrament meeting, there was not a jarring moment, an unkind word, a task performed unwillingly, an assignment forgotten or neglected. Here truly they were able to see and feel the unity of spirit and purpose, the joy of service, the strength and warmth of mutual affection, at their finest.

Not only were there the big moments when everyone felt a part of every thing, but the small personal pleasures; collecting autographs on the first evening; the charming manners of the young women; the young men, so aware of their Priesthood responsibilities on Sun-

day morning; the sweet spirit as the young women talked about Temple marriage with Phyllis Hart of the London Temple; laughter without vulgarity, teasing without rudeness, all the high standards of the Church exemplified in its young leaders, going forward with confidence tempered by humility, worthy ambassadors of all that M.I.A. stands for.

Many lessons were learned, painlessly and effortlessly, but none more important than this—That we get out of life exactly what we are prepared to put in. Everyone put all they had into this weekend, and all who participated will reap a rich harvest from it for a long time to come.

The instructors were Marquitta Leavitt (dancing), Paul Chamberlain Drama advisor to Banstead and Reigate Youth Committee, Una Budge, (leadership, improvement and speech), Peter Boulter, (minor games) Berdene Farren, (music) and Hal Aannan, (drama). On the Sunday, besides attending the regular Sunday meetings of Epsom Ward, the group held a Y.W.M.I.A. standards meeting with Phyllis Hart as guest speaker, an M.I.A. panel discussion and a testimony meeting at which every person present bore testimony.

The Epsom Ward Relief Society provided the catering and the ward members opened their homes to the visitors. Bill Sheppard, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. activity assistant, organised the whole event.



A happy group at the London Stake MIA Leadership Weekend.

BIRTHS

★ Oct. 26th 1967—To Dennis and Joan Bellamy of Corby Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Jane Marie.

★ Nov. 24th 1967—To Robert and Valerie Nicks of Tamworth, Central British Mission, a son, Gary David.

★ Nov. 25th 1967—To Bro. and Sis. George Sloan of Wirral Branch, North British Mission, a son, Paul Francis.

★ Dec. 17th 1967—To John and Lynda Plester of Banbury Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Fiona Jane.

★ Dec. 25th 1967—To Bro. and Sis. Edwards of Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a son, Phillip John.

★ Jan. 10th 1968—To George and Mary Stevenson of Banbury Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter Michele Lorraine.

★ Jan. 16th 1968—To Billy and Valerie Hall of Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Mark William.

★ To Michael and Heather Matthews of Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Ricky Clyde.

★ Bob and Anne Bradshaw, Northhampton Branch, Central British Mission, a son, David Stephen Bradshaw, born 7th January, 1968.

★ To Linda and Ward Rasmussen, a son, Ward Byron, born on Christmas Eve 1967. Ward and Linda (formerly Linda Hart of Crawley Branch, British South Mission) now living in Tacoma, Wash., U.S.A.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Brother E. G. Bray of Helston Branch to Sister Perry of Exeter Branch, Southwest British Mission.

★ Laura Sinclair of Liverpool Branch and Leo Burgon of Stockport Branch North British Mission became engaged on Jan. 21st. The wedding will take place on March 30th at the Liverpool Chapel, and the Manchester Mormon Choir, of which they are both members, will be singing for them.

★ At twelve midnight on New Year's Eve, the engagement was announced between Christine Stone, daughter of Pres. and Sister Stone of East Hull and Ian Taylor of Rochdale.

Christine and Ian met four years ago when Ian was serving on a Church Building Mission in East Hull.

★ Jacqueline Femary to Gerald Redman of Romford Ward, London Stake, on 1st January, 1968.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

★ Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Femary, also of Romford Ward, on their 25th wedding anniversary. A very enjoyable party with Church members and relatives invited, was held in the ward cultural hall.

OBITUARIES

★ George Burns of Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, died on Dec. 24th aged 72 years.

★ Charles Henry Calder of Liverpool Branch, North British Mission. Brother Calder had a most varied life, he was an early member of the Liverpool Harriers, and spent some time in Australia. In the first World War he was the only surviving member of his ship, which

was sunk by the enemy. He was later ordained a Baptist minister and built a church in Liverpool practically single handed as well as ministering to his congregation. He was converted and baptised into the Church in 1959, and had a fervent testimony of the Gospel. He was also a poet and delighted in giving his verses as a memento of special occasions. Born in 1882 he died on Dec. 25th 1967 after a short illness in a hospital.

★ Winifred Jones of Wirral Branch, North British Mission passed away on Dec. 29th 1967. An article about her great faith and testimony appeared in the January issue of the Star, but unfortunately she did not live to see it.

★ Florence Jane Gowing of Lowestoft Branch, British Mission, died at her home on Jan. 8th 1968 aged 80 years.

She was baptised on Dec. 1st 1935, and will be greatly missed by the members of the branch as she was a faithful member and active in Sunday School and Relief Society until a heart complaint prevented her from attending 18 months ago.

She attended Sacrament meetings though until a few weeks before her death. The funeral service was held at the Lowestoft Chapel on Jan. 12th and was conducted by President Coleby. The Relief Society sisters sang "Nearer my God to Thee", and the grave was dedicated by Sydney Coleby, another long standing member of the Church. Sister Gowing was married to James Jasper Gowing and they had one son, and three daughters.

★ Jim Skipper of Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, passed away on Jan. 12th 1968.

Youth Meet

★ Some 160 members and friends will long remember October 19, 20 and 21, 1967, the days they attended a youth convention at Pontins Holiday Camp, Barton Hall Torquay.

Principally young people, they had a wonderful time participating in the road shows on Friday; games, music, speech and grand ball on Saturday and in a sunrise testimony meeting and general conference meetings Sunday.

Highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Don K. Archer Cap to Portsmouth District MIA for their efforts during the first year in all facets of MIA.

Special thanks were due to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, managers of the camp, who provided wonderful meals and facilities for everyone.

It was also the first opportunity for many members to meet and become acquainted with Pres. J. W. Child, the new president, and Sister Child. Pres. and Sister Child were the guest speakers at the Sunday sessions.

Bro. and Sister Rudd (Mission MIA) were responsible for the organisation and were well rewarded by the good behaviour and happy faces of those who attended. They are looking forward to the next one which is scheduled next October 18, 19 and 20.



MOTHER

by

S. Murrey

Wirrel Branch, Liverpool District

- M is for Mother, the family's friend . . .
Loving her children till life's journey ends
- O is for one we can never repeat
Inspiring and hopeful, and scorning defeat,
- T stands for Teacher, her council give ear,
Take her advice and save many a tear,
- H stands for Home, our first earthly abode,
Sheltered, oft chastened and prepared for the road,
- E stands for ever, child welfare at heart,
Dear children take heed, and just play your part,
- R stands for right, for truth's banner she'll raise,
For life's every blessing . . . and give GOD the praise.

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ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE
REPORT



Descendants of First English Family

by Gwen Cannon

★ The Sharman R. Stevenson family live in Beaconsfield. They are busy, active members of the High Wycombe Branch. Their presence is felt as leaders

in the various organisations and as supportive members. Brother Stevenson is the Sunday School superintendent, his wife, Mardyne, conducts the singing



The Stevensons are musical and often sing together. From left, Gregory, Jorli, Scott and Bradford with Sis. Stevenson holding Chris.

and is president of the Primary. Joril is the Sunday School pianist and the boys give two and a half minute talks, a sacrament gem or watch the baby while their parents preside.

The Stevensons have called many places home. They have lived in Utah, Texas, Ohio, and Washington in the states to Taiwan and England abroad. Of all their assignments (Brother Stevenson is a Major in the United States Air Force) England has a special significance to them. "It is familiar—the feel, the smell," Brother Stevenson remarked. Familiar it must seem for the roots of his ancestors grew on this green island. "We are purely English," he continued.

He has a special Church legacy in this land, as well, for his great-grandfather, George D. Watt, was the first Mormon convert in England.

It all began in Preston, Lancashire when the Reverend James Fielding made his chapel and congregation available to the first Mormon missionaries to set foot in England. George D. Watt was part of that congregation. He heard the Gospel and said "From that hour, I believed in the mission of Joseph Smith." His baptism was described by Heber C. Kimball.

A circumstance took place which I cannot refrain from mentioning, for it will show the eagerness and anxiety of some in that land to obey the Gospel. Two of the male candidates when they had changed their clothes at a distance of several rods from the place where I was standing in the water, were so anxious to obey the Gospel that they ran with all their might to the water, each wishing to be baptized first. The younger, George D. Watt, being quicker of foot than the elder, outran him, and came first into the water.



Sharman R. Stevenson

Brother Watt's mother, Mary Ann Wood Watt Brown was the first woman to be baptized in England on the same day.

The Stevensons have the honour of being direct descendants of the first Mormon converts in England. Their sense of belonging here is valid.

Brother Watt was called on a mission and served in Edinburgh soon after he became a member of the Church. This was the first of five missions he was to fulfill in the years to come, four of them in England. His greatest contribution to the Church, however, was made in phonography or as a skilled writer of shorthand. This, and a gift for writing were his special talents. He said "Let everyone cultivate the gift peculiar to himself; by doing so he will work to fulfill the will of heaven, and gain unto himself glory and honour."

Brother Watt offered his gift to Joseph Smith in Nauvoo to use in whatever way he chose. He recorded many of the

prophet's speeches, taught shorthand at the School of the Prophets and enjoyed a close association with the early leaders of the Church.

When Joseph Smith was martyred, Brother Watt took complete notes of the trial of those accused of the deed. In spite of threats made that he would never get the notes out of Carthage, he did so by giving a page or two to various people to secret away. It is the only official Church record of this event.

Brother Watt was Brigham Young's personal secretary for sixteen years as well as one of the first reporters for the Deseret News. He was responsible for recording and organizing the **Journal of Discourses** so that the members of the Church in out-lying districts could read the words of the leaders.

In later years, Brother Watt was offended by Brigham Young and left his service. Although family records give evidence that he always remained loyal to the Church and that his testimony was steadfast, he was eventually ex-

communicated. It was a tragic event in a life that had been so dedicated to the progress of the Church.

He was not reinstated during his life time, but at his death President John Taylor made a special trip to his home in Kaysville to instruct the family that he should be buried in his temple clothes.

The remarkable part of the story is that throughout this bitter, difficult period, his attitude was such that his wives and children remained loyal to the Church. His posterity of many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are active devoted members of the Church. Like the Stevenson family they honour and revere his name and are grateful that through him they reap the blessings of the Gospel.

The Stevensons have returned to the land of his birth. They feel a special closeness to Brother Watt in living here. They represent him well, for they too give a full measure of devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

"No amount of knowledge, of inspiration and testimony as to the divinity of the work of God will be of benefit to us unless we put that knowledge into actual practice in the daily walks of life. It is not the amount that any individual may know that will benefit him and his fellows; but it is the practical application of that knowledge."

—Heber J. Grant

Katie H. MacQueen

A Stalwart

In Scotland



★ At the age of eighty, Katie MacQueen is a third-generation Mormon. She must be one of the oldest continuously active members of the Church in Scotland.

She remembers, as a young girl, sitting in a large, high-backed chair in a Masonic Hall in Carlson Place, Glasgow. She was listening to a tall, dark, fine-looking missionary preaching the Gospel. It was David O. McKay. She recalls that he returned some years later with his young wife. On another occasion she was asked to take guests home from Church to lunch. They were James E. Talmage and his wife. Few of us have met President McKay and James E. Talmage is just a name to most of us, but Sister MacQueen remembers them and many other high-ranking Church officials.

For many years Sister MacQueen lived near the centre of Glasgow. Now, however, development of this section has resulted in her former house being demolished. She is now comfortably residing in an old person's single-apartment flat in Cardonald. Sister MacQueen does not regret the move for she is, above all, a modern. She loves her new centrally-heated flat with all the conveniences.

Although she has arthritis in her knees she walks distances which would make people half her age quail. She believes that going out and meeting people keeps her young. She loves people, but speaks out vociferously when she feels things are not right. She is entertaining and witty—a grand old lady.

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE



by Gilbert J. R. McCabe

★ We accept as fundamental tenet that Jesus Christ is the only name whereby man can be saved (D&C 18: 23). Adam was taught this by His Father in Heaven as is explained by the prophet Enoch in the Pearl of Great Price (Moses 6:52) as he is teaching his people: 'Jesus Christ, the only name

which shall be given under heaven whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men'; we need therefore to have great trust in the Lord's atoning sacrifice if the exercise of repentance is to be profitable to our souls.

Alma, the son of Alma, relates his own miraculous conversion in the 36th

Repentance

chapter of Alma. He had been persecuting the Church of God together with the sons of Mosiah. This group was visited by an angel: the effect of his words on Alma ('If thou wilt of thyself be destroyed, seek no more to destroy the Church of God') was such that he remained prostrate for three days. Vs. 12-22 of this same chapter explain the process of repentance as Alma experienced it: he remembered all his iniquities and the 'very thought of coming into the presence of God did rack my soul with inexpressible horror'. For three days he experienced the 'pains of a damned soul.'

Amidst this darkness he remembered 'to have heard my father prophesy concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ, a Son of God, to atone for the sins of the world.' This was, as it were, the only ray of light which he could see. He continues: 'Now as my mind caught hold upon this thought, I cried within my heart' and he cried for mercy. He had confidence, like Enos in the Book of Mormon, in a God who could not lie. What prompted both these men to pray was something their father had spoken of: for Alma, it was the atonement; for Enos, 'eternal life and joy of the saints' (Enos verse 3). Alma's mind caught hold on the thought of the atonement. After Alma had been forgiven his soul was filled with inexpressible joy

and he thought he saw Lehi singing praises to God with numberless angels: My soul did long to be there. Here was a great expression of trust which involved repentance.

Enoch in that same chapter (Moses 6) continues about the Atonement: we need to be cleansed by it so that, as he says, 'Ye might be sanctified from all sin, and enjoy the Words of Eternal life in this world, and Eternal life in the world to come, even immortal glory' (reminiscent of Moses 1:39). If we gain a reward in the celestial world then we need to have the Words of Eternal life, and we are taught in Scripture that the Saviour has them. He teaches us in D&C 78:7 that we must prepare ourselves by doing the things which I have commanded you and required of you.' The Saviour repeats in this verse the concept taught elsewhere through His prophets, e.g. Amulek that this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God (Alma 34:32). We need to possess the Spirit of God by faith and confidence that His is the True Light so that we might have bestowed on us (this is a reward):

"The love which he (the father) hath bestowed on all who are true followers of his son Jesus Christ . . ." Moroni 7:38 "... so that we might have "power to become the sons of God" (D&C 11: 30).



Chance Acquaintance Changed Many Lives

★ My interest in the Church started in the early part of 1920 when George, my eldest brother, made the acquaintance of George Easter who was a member of the Mormon Church. My brother, on investigation, found that he believed the Church to be the only true one and immediately brought this information to the rest of our family.

At first we told him to keep away from the Mormons as we believed that there could be no good in them, but George insisted that we find out for ourselves. My first impression was that they were a good class of people. After four years of regular attendance my parents and I were baptised. My testimony grew and I was given the

priesthood. I served in the M.I.A. and as branch clerk.

I began to court my wife and as she was a non-member I was afraid at first to tell her I was a Mormon but shortly after we were married she came out to Church and I had the honour of baptising her—it was a great thrill to me. We both grew to love the Church and made many friends.

President John A. Widtsoe was president of the European Mission at the time our first baby was born and he came to our house and left his blessing. He ordained me to the Melchizedek Priesthood. He was a great man—his wife was a descendant of Brigham Young.

Testimony



Thomas J. Bourne

We brought our family to Church but when the war broke out I had to work every Sunday—this led to my becoming inactive but not to the loss of my testimony and I was glad when years later my second daughter became interested through the visits of our Home Teachers. The Home Teaching was then done by the missionaries.

My brother George who had first brought the Gospel into our lives had been active in the Church in Canada. When he returned for a visit I was ashamed that I wasn't worthy enough to accompany him to the temple. This became my goal to make myself ready to be sealed for eternity to my family.

By this time all of our family were members of the Church. Stuart who was an apprentice carpenter was asked to serve as a Church builder—and a

year later another of my sons, David, was also asked to serve in the building programme.

The Church has brought so much happiness through service to our family. My daughter, Iris had married a non-member but a letter to their mission president in Canada took the Elders to their home the same week—and we were all pleased to accompany them to the temple when they were over on holiday.

Since completing their building assignments our two boys have both met and married lovely L.D.S. girls and have taken them to the temple. I cannot tell in words what the Gospel has done for our family.

I cannot tell how much I missed through being inactive all those years. I must stress to all that have testimonies to keep active and not leave a chink for the devil to creep in. Our family has been blessed in so many ways through serving the Lord. I am grateful that we are one big happy family.

(The second daughter of Brother and Sister Bourne is now married to Bishop Fullwood of the Epsom Ward and they have five lovely children and the youngest daughter is now at Wentworth Castle Teacher Training College.

Brother Bourne now serves the District in Liverpool as Council man and Sister Bourne is first councillor in the Primary. They have both served in every auxiliary in the Church in the various presidencies, and have been a great example of faithful service and ready response to the call of service.)

PLANS TOLD FOR TWO NEW TEMPLES

★ The two new temples to be constructed in Ogden and Provo, Utah, will cost approximately 2.5 million dollars each, according to Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building Committee.

He has announced the two temples, similar in design, will be let for bid early next year with construction to start that spring or summer and completion due within a year.

Architectural drawings of the new sacred edifices were approved recently by the First Presidency of the Church.

The Ogden Temple will be built on Tabernacle Square, the historic section of downtown Ogden, Utah's second largest city. Provo's Temple will be erected on the northeast bench of Provo overlooking the city and the beautiful BYU campus.

Future plans call for construction of Visitor's Centers on both temple sites.

Emil B. Fetzer, Church architect, gave consideration first to the needs of the interior and then designed the exterior to enclose the areas.

Designed with functional aspects in mind the result is a combination of utility, beauty, comfort, efficiency and convenience. The spiritual atmosphere, so typical of the temples of the Church has been retained.

Movement of patrons will be accomplished by means of conventional stair-

ways plus escalators and elevators.

President David O. McKay said the proposed new temples will relieve the pressure on the Salt Lake, Logan and Manti Temples, which account for the major portion of temple ordinance work in the Church.

Church leaders informed that it was felt these new temples will serve the most people. A breakdown of statistics bears this out.

The present Salt Lake Temple District serves 493,473 Church members; the Logan Temple, 159,614 and the Manti Temple, 93,466.

With the two new temples in operation in the temple districts to be created, the membership served will be, Salt Lake Temple, 370,969; Logan Temple, 80,638; Manti Temple, 60,771; Ogden Temple, 115,780 and Provo Temple, 115,891.

The two new temples will bring to 15 the total temples in use by the Church. Utah will have six temples.

Plans call for a basement and three floors above ground. The ground floor will be a square stylobate giving a base for the two upper stories. The exterior will be a modified oval in shape, of whitecast stone, with gold anodized aluminum grilles and bronze glass panels.

A gold-anodized aluminum spire will reach approximately 185 feet skywards.



Analysis Of Church Membership



★ A recent analysis of Church membership discloses that 66 per cent of the residents of Salt Lake County in Utah, are Latter-day Saints and that 71 per cent of the state's population are Latter-day Saints, some 713,784 Mormons.

According to the recent membership figures Great Britain has 65,907 members with England numbering 43,713; Ireland, 3,380; Scotland, 16,772 and Wales, 2,042.

Europe has 37,263 members and the Scandinavian countries 20,567.

Surprisingly, the total Church membership in South, Central America

and Mexico exceeds by some 13,000 the membership in Europe, including the British Isles. In Europe and including the British Isles, the Church membership is 123,737 compared to the 136,017 in South America, (66,729) Mexico (49,524) and in Central America, (20,764).

The 1966 Church membership report shows a grand total of 2,483,038 members.

Islands in the South Pacific account for 85,295 Latter-day Saints. Hawaii is counted as a separate state (49th state of the United States) with a membership of 22,249.

Children Encouraged To Submit Items For Their Page

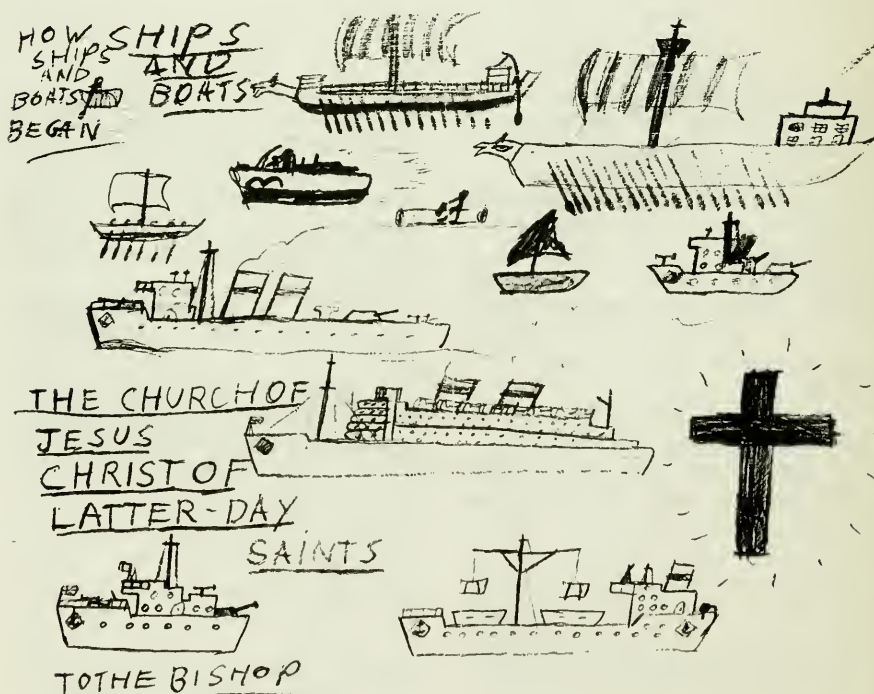
★ Printed herewith on the next two pages are drawings submitted by John Purser, 10-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Purser of Hemel Hempstead. The Pursers attend the Luton Ward of the London Stake. Bro. Purser is general secretary to the Aaronic Priesthood Adult.

These two drawings are being printed since they are the first that have been submitted in the Millennial Star's

programme to encourage children in these endeavors.

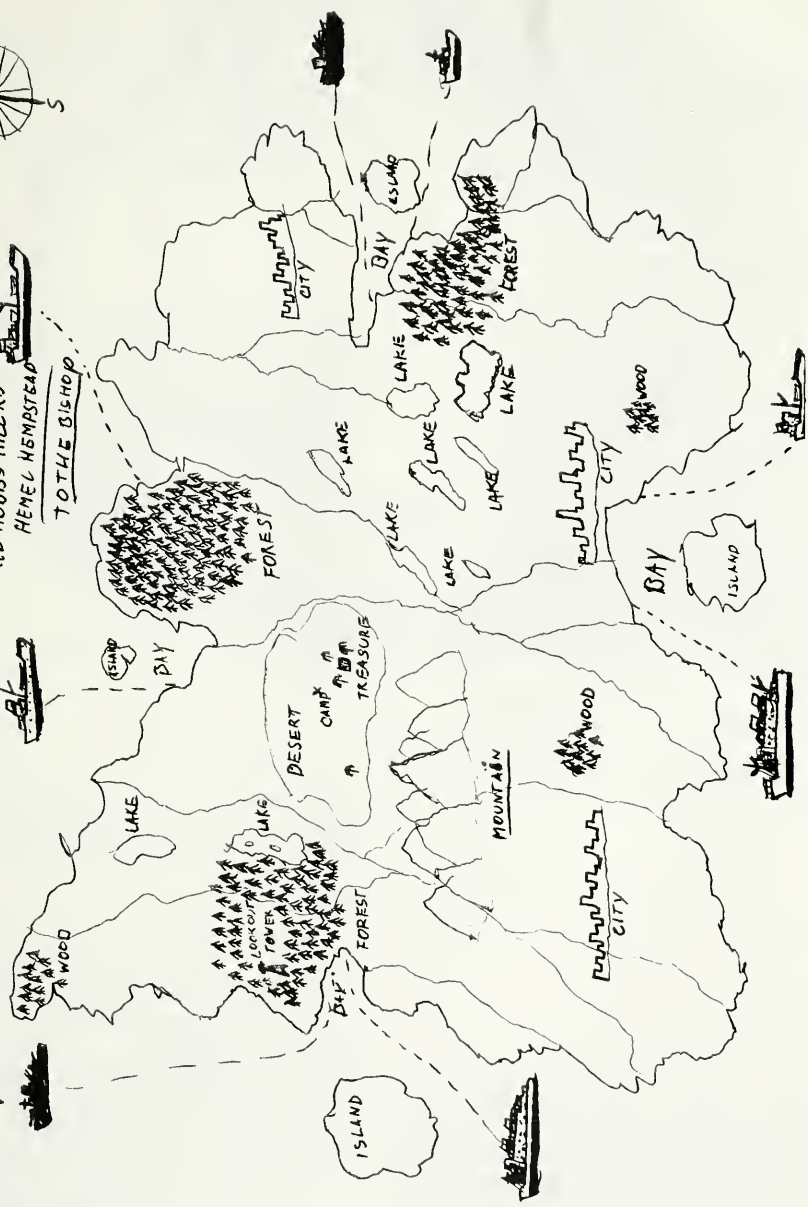
The editorial staff of the Millennial Star hope that other boys and girls will submit drawings, poems, riddles, games, crossword puzzles and even recipes, hobbies and stories.

All such material should be sent to Gwen Cannon, "Bywood" Nightingales Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.





BY JOHN PURSER 10 years old
116 HOBBS HILL RD
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
TO THE BISHOP



Conversion

A testimony?
I've not one—
And mock I those who do!
False claims that render
Hoax on believing innocence.
For what good?
Nay not in this wicked world.
Those pseudo-spiritualists
Who cry, unto those more righteous,
Of Faith, Repentence, or Die!

But now my cold heart yearns
My mind not now repulsed begs—
To hear what is said.
How my soul must have been dead!
How long sleeping have I been?—
Now I feel my heart awakening
Yea, the voice I once laughed at
Now whispers softly in my ear—
"Go listen, tis the Truth you hear!"
The truth? What is this strange sound?

Ha! I scorn and shun in contempt
The emotional display
Of sarcastic, homesick boys,
Who plead in mockery for members
To join the happy throng, where
All is well and none go to hell.
Hysterically, I laugh and
Pass quickly the fleeting thoughts
As my mind turns to listen
Listen? Nay—never will !!

Who speaks the truth in perilous times?
Who speaks of love with a world at war?
Tell me more that I might know!
Look at me!
Begging!
Shedding tears!
Actually crying after so many years?
How warped must I have been
To once question and mock
But now I believe—
Nay! . . . I KNOW ! !

written by Suzann Perry

(Miss Perry recently served in the
North British Mission. She has returned
to her home at 788 N. 800 East, Provo.
Utah, U.S.A. She sends her best wishes
to her many friends in Great Britain.)



It's A Miracle

By

Elder Frank V. Leifson

★ Printed herewith is another winning short story submitted in the Millennial Star 1967 Short Story Contest recently concluded. This story was written by Elder Frank V. Leifson, a missionary in the British Mission.

Other selected short stories submitted in the contest will be published in

future issues of the Millennial Star. The top two stories were published in the February Millennial Star. Third place winner in the contest is also published in this issue, on page 18.

★ The quiet calm of sunrise on a peaceful summer morning was broken

as piercing screams of pain resounded from the nursery. An ever-watchful mother bolted upright in her bed as the cries reached her ears. With a mother's sensitivity, she recognized that these were not just cries of hunger coming from her three-month-old, first-born son. And as she reached his bedside, seeing the tiny twelve pound frame writhing in agony, she knew immediately that something was seriously wrong.

A worried father was by her side. Also seeing his young son lying there, and then catching the look of helplessness on his wife's drawn face, he dashed for the telephone. The family doctor was called. Upon learning of the situation, without hesitation, he said that he would immediately leave for the home. This seemed quite unusual as the small-town doctor was not in the habit of making house-calls, especially at such an early morning hour.

The doctor made a quick but searching examination of the wriggling baby, then walking over to the telephone, asking the operator for the county hospital, some fifty miles away. The parents, holding each other close in shaking arms, listened to the doctor's words. "This child must be operated on just as quickly as possible. I cannot perform it myself, we must get a specialist—a good specialist." Arrangements were made. The three-month old infant was to undergo major surgery.

The doctor advised taking the child to his small office where the necessary X-rays could be taken and the available information compiled for the operation. Thus precious seconds could be saved. As the infant lay on the X-ray table—still screaming at the top of his tiny lungs, for his terrible pain had not dim-

inished—an aunt and uncle entered the room. The mother, looking up from her heaven-sent child, realized that a greater physician was going to be needed. So, with all the deep and trusting faith that her anguished heart held, she asked the uncle to exercise the Priesthood, which he held and honoured, and administer to her child in need.

With the uncle as mouthpiece and a grandfather assisting, the child was anointed, and a most beautiful prayer for it's life was offered. As Divine assistance was being called upon, a warm and wonderful spirit filled the room, and immediately the child's cries were silenced. From that time on he cried no more.

The X-rays were developed and the doctor said, "Just hurry, if he is not operated on soon, it will be too late. I'm sorry this had to happen to you two." With this ominous warning, the couple whisked their child into an awaiting car. As the small group drove away the doctor turned to his nurse and sadly said, "They will never bring that baby back alive."

With the anxious father behind the wheel, the child in his mother's arms, and grandparents holding the X-rays up to dry, all speed limits were forgotten as the fifty miles to the hospital were covered. Assistants were awaiting them at the hospital when they arrived. And as the child was taken from it's mothers arms, she took a last fleeting glimpse of the child, not knowing if she would see her baby alive again.

The specialist walked in to ask a few final questions to the parents, "We have never heard of this happening to a baby this young," he said, "He is so

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Temple. Golden Age Programme

★ NOW that the TEMPLE is OPEN on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and on TUESDAYS as per programme, we are introducing our

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We invite those of our brethren and sisters who have reached pensionable age to spend an enjoyable holiday at the Temple. We realise that this will involve considerable expense and are therefore prepared to pay an endowment allowance as follows:

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The following example may be of help to you when planning for your Golden Age holiday:—

4 weeks accommodation at £2 15 0d. per week	11	0	0
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4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3	0	0
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Total	14	10	0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—			
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Total		14	14 0

We are also prepared to make the following travelling allowance based on a minimum of 14 endowments per week for a maximum of 4 weeks:—

Up to	50 miles from Temple	7/6 per week
"	100	"
"	150	"
"	200	"
"	250	"
"	300	"
"	350	"
"	400	"
Over	400	"

If you need any further help at all please write to the Temple Presidency or ring LINGFIELD 2759.

DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

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small to operate on. He may survive the operation but he'll never be able to survive the anaesthesia." He left giving them his promise, "I'll try my best."

They were left standing. Their only comfort was prayer, which they did unceasingly, for they knew that their precious child was in God's hands now.

Much to the amazement of all, the young child survived the operation. "He came through it quite well," the doctor commented afterwards. But the condition was still extremely critical. "When are the visiting hours?" they asked. "There are none," was the cold reply. Five long, prayerful days passed. Finally, on the sixth, the mother was allowed to sit by her baby. First, she was clothed in white, sterilized clothing, and cautioned as to what she could not do. Then she was led into the room. The sight that greeted her wasn't at all pleasant.

There the little child lay; his tiny tummy was covered with a huge bandage, several tubes protruding through it. His little leg was cut at the ankle to allow a tube for intra-veinous feeding; blood plasma was being fed through a tube into his arm. Oxygen was being pumped through a tube in his nose. The

little guy was strapped and tilted on his bed to allow the anaesthesia to drain from his lungs, and a steam tent covered all of this to prevent pneumonia from developing. Not a pretty sight for her, but her boy was alive. She thanked the Lord for this.

As she sat at her child's bed-side, the door opened allowing entrance to an instructor and his class of student doctors. They stood around the bed as he lectured about the infant patient. His technical terminology was beyond the sweet mother's understanding, but she did understand perfectly when he commented, "This is truly a step forward in medical history. Never before has a child this young survived such an operation. It is a miracle that this baby is alive today."

A thankful smile appeared on the mother's face, as she looked upon her son. She knew that a miracle had been performed. But something the doctor's did not realize, was that medical science alone, had not preserved her child's life. Her boy was alive, and that tiny twelve pound body would grow to manhood, because God's Priesthood, the power and authority to act in His name, had been restored to the earth. That Priesthood was used, a miracle was performed, and that tiny child, now a man, is alive today.

Christmas-Tide Travellers Bring Stir In British Mission

★ A group of seven British Mission missionaries had the opportunity of proselyting and communicating with members on a little different basis during the Christmas season.

Chosen as a travelling touring company from among the variously talented two hundred in the mission were Marlyse Bonny, Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Carma Marie Moor, Stanton Finley, Joseph Acel Hall, Gordon Harkness, and David Van Alstyne.

With the support of the mission parents, President and Sister Reed E. Callister, and Elder Stephen Hill's technical assistance the small group

was able to prepare a programme which would run the gamut of excellence.

Two and a half full weeks took these "Christmas-Tide Travellers" from Norwich to Hastings—London to Southend the length and breadth of the British Mission. Wherever they went the evening was filled with dancing and laughter, song and solemnity, hailing the advent of the joyous and sacred season.

The audiences unreservedly acclaimed the young people for their delightful talents which ranged from Elder Van Alstyne's original musical compositions,

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British missionaries in the finale of Christmas-Tide Travels presented before 15 audiences during the Holiday Season. From left, Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Carma Marie Moore, Marlyse Bonny, Gordon Harkness, Joseph A. Hall and Stanton M. Finley

A DOCTOR SPEAKS OUT ON FASTING AND WORD OF WISDOM

by

Dr. Okon Tom Nkere Uwem,
M.B. B.S. (London)

of the South London Ward, London Stake at a recent Sacrament Meeting

★ It is a great pleasure to say a few words to you on Fasting and the Word of Wisdom.

Fasting may be defined as the voluntary self denial of food and drink. Contrast this with starvation which is hunger resulting from shortage or absence of food. The human body has been recorded to do without food for as long as 50 days. It can do without water for a much shorter period, depending upon the climate and the environment. In a hot desert the body can only survive without water for about 36 to 72 hours. The vital and indispensable needs of the human body are air, water and food, in that order. If anybody stops breathing for five minutes he is dead.

In fasting, the body functions at the expense of stored substances taken from the tissues. The food we eat consists of carbohydrates (starch and sugar) proteins, fats and mineral salts. The carbohydrates are converted into sugar in the body; this is called glucose and is stored in the liver as Glycogen.

The proteins from meat are used in

building tissues like muscles, and fats like butter and margarine are partly stored and partly used in building tissues. During fasting, the carbohydrates are first utilized, then fat is oxidised and finally muscle protein is digested. Storage fat is the principal source of energy in fasting. This is why people lose weight in prolonged fasting.

At all times, during fasting or not, the level of sugar in the blood is carefully maintained between 80-120 mgm/100 ml. If blood sugar falls much below 80mgm/100 ml. the patient goes into a state of unconsciousness.

Spiritual Significance

I believe that moderate fasting has a beneficial effect on the life processes of the whole body. It may be compared to overhauling a machine. It also rests our digestive system and the glands associated with digestion. It doubtless has great spiritual significance, since all the major religions of the world practice fasting.

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bound to want to come); write, that is, to:

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Our Lord Himself fasted for 40 days and 40 nights at the beginning of His ministry.

I would, however, sound a note of caution. If any brother or sister suffers from diabetes and has regular injections of insulin, or suffers from liver disease, he or she should not attempt fasting.

The Lord forbids all saints from drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco, taking hot drinks.

All of us will agree that the consumption of alcohol is a menace to the health and peace of society. I have worked in the casualty departments of several hospitals. Often I treat people who have been involved in "punch ups" after drinking. Some have severe cuts. Some have put their hands through glass windows when drunk; others beat up their unfortunate wives. . .

Affects Brain

The main site of action of alcohol is on the brain where it depresses the cells of the cerebral cortex and causes diminished responsibility.

Alcohol clouds the senses, it numbs the frontal lobes of the brain which is concerned with critical judgment.

Alcohol causes dilatation of the blood vessels in the skin causing loss of heat from the body and in cold weather predisposing to cold and pneumonia.

Alcohol causes accumulation of fat in the liver and causes a condition called cirrhosis of the liver, which is ultimately fatal.

Alcohol increases the pulse rate, i.e. makes the heart beat faster, it also raises the blood pressure, may cause acute erosions, gastritis with bleeding.

Taken in large quantities alcohol takes away appetite for food.

Tobacco Causes

Now some thoughts on tobacco which contains nicotine and some tar. The following conditions are associated with smoking:

Cancer of the lungs or airways (carcinoma of the bronchus).

Smokers cough.

Coronary heart disease, commoner in smokers.

Peptic ulcer—ulcer of stomach or duodenum.

Chronic bronchitis.

Amblyopia—eye disease.

Thrombo-angitis.

Obliterans—blocking of arteries, commonly of the legs, may lead to amputation of leg.

Pure nicotine extracted from tobacco and injected into an experimental animal causes stimulation of the central nervous system, tremors, quickening of the pulse, convulsions or fits.

Tea and Coffee

A thought or two on tea and coffee.

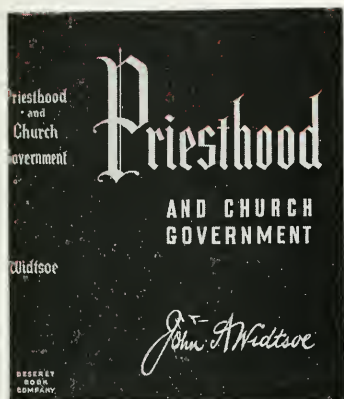
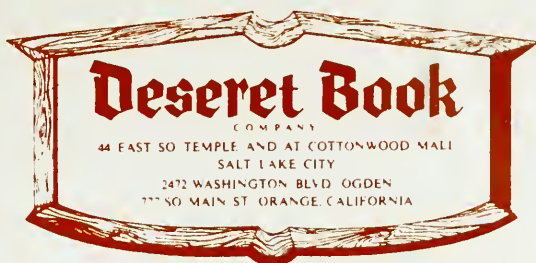
Tea contains caffeine. Pure caffeine extract stimulates the central nervous system, may cause anxiety, tremors of hands. It increases the pulse rate, the heart beats faster, but decreases the flow of blood through the brain. If pure caffeine extract is injected into a vein it must be given very slowly or it may cause sudden death.

Before I joined the Church I avoided coffee because it made me nervous and kept me awake at night.

Some people find that if they take tea after meals they get constipated.

We also have it on the authority of the Apostles of the Church that these things pollute our spiritual temples.

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By John A. Widtsoe

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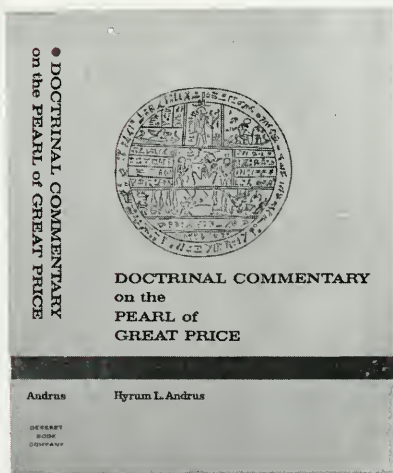
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A DOCTOR SPEAKS

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St. Paul said, "Know ye not that your bodies are temples of the Living God?" There may be more ways in which these substances are harmful to the body of man than is known at present.

I leave you with the promise made by the Lord Himself:

"And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall

receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones; and shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge even hidden treasures."

"And shall run and not be weary and shall walk and not faint;

"And I the Lord give unto them a promise that the destroying angel shall pass by them as the children of Israel, and not slay them."

CHRISTMAS-TIDE TRAVELLERS

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to Elder Harkness's heart melting vocal solos. There were no stars in the show, but each member participated in various ways. The group melded from Elder Finley's Solo guitar, all-male quartet numbers, to rousing, full cast, song and dance numbers such as "That Man Over There is Santa Claus."

Stirring the hearts of each of the fifteen different audiences was the last segment of the show in which a pageantry of the Lord's Mission was presented in song and in accompanied narratives chosen from the Bible and the Book of Mormon. The electrifying ending closed with the testimony of Sidney Rigdon and the great prophet Joseph Smith, that Christ lives, that He rules on the right hand of God, that He is a reality today!

For the last two months President Callister has had letters pouring into

his office telling of the effect and impact the show had on people. One such letter read:

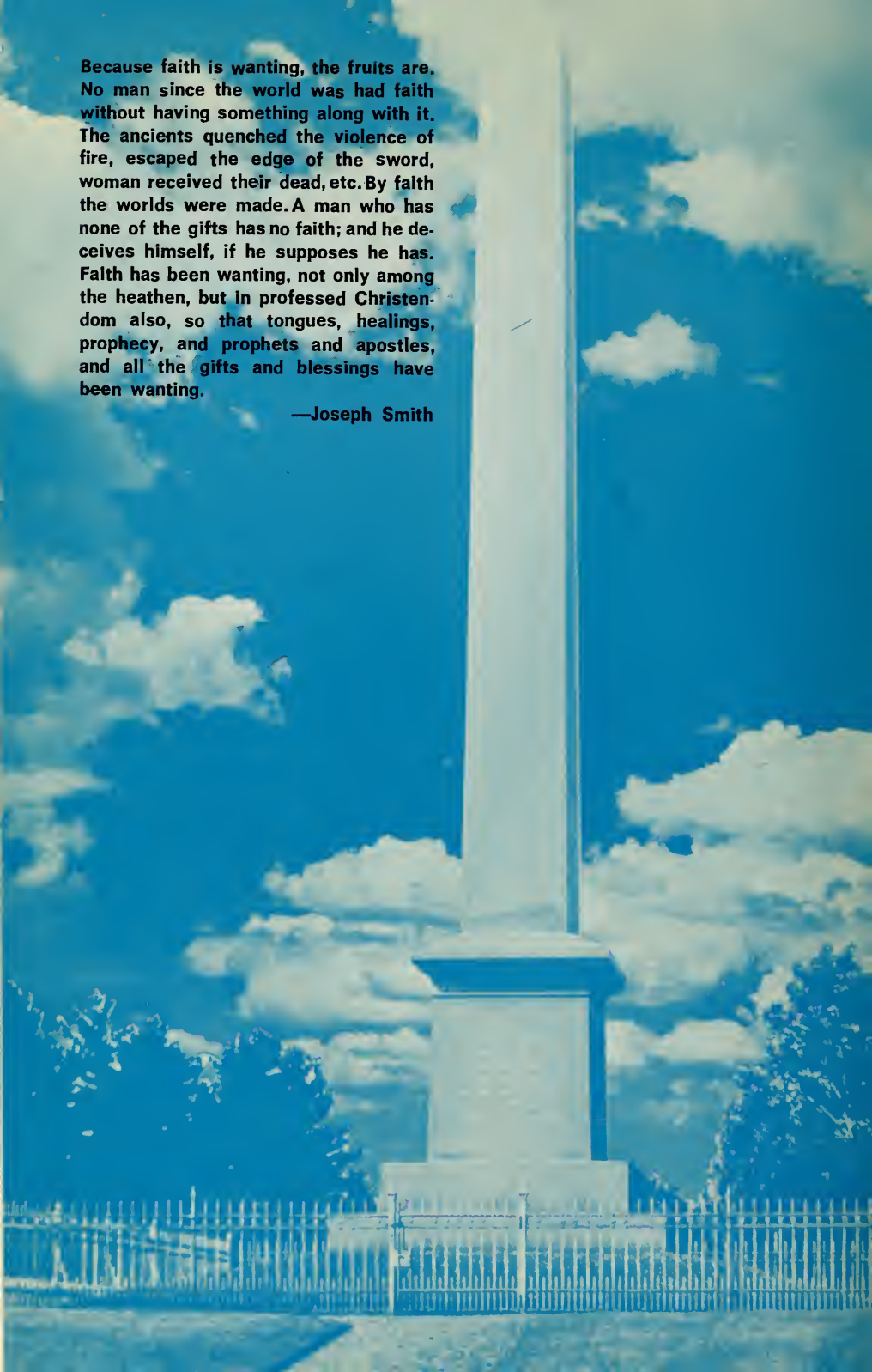
"There are many ways of saying the same thing and we think this (show) is one of the most delightful . . . ways of presenting the gospel . . . (and) of breaking down some of the barriers that folks put up . . . We certainly hope that these shows can be presented more often."

The most happy news is that the momentum of the show has brought a number of investigators to the waters of baptism. A whole family will soon come into the Church as a result of just one tract left in a hospital; for in addition to night auditions, the "Travelers" daily visited hospitals, leaving behind Christmas greetings and a message of gospel restoration — What better news at any season!



Because faith is wanting, the fruits are.
No man since the world was had faith
without having something along with it.
The ancients quenched the violence of
fire, escaped the edge of the sword,
woman received their dead, etc. By faith
the worlds were made. A man who has
none of the gifts has no faith; and he de-
ceives himself, if he supposes he has.
Faith has been wanting, not only among
the heathen, but in professed Christen-
dom also, so that tongues, healings,
prophecy, and prophets and apostles,
and all the gifts and blessings have
been wanting.


—Joseph Smith



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THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

By President Hugh B. Brown

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★ Little is known of the details of the Master's sojourn on the earth except during those three transcendent years of His ministry, the most eventful years of history. If we are to get a proper concept of the moral and spiritual significance and splendor of His unique life — from Bethlehem to Bethany — we must view it in the light of eternity.

He lived His life on this earth at the summit of time, and on the high point of that summit we see the light of the resurrection, the most glorious beacon in the universe, flashing hope and courage to a benighted world. Let us from that eminence look back—back beyond Eden, and there we shall find that Jesus the Christ was with God the Father in the beginning.

And that beginning must have antedated the beginning of which we read in Genesis when the earth was created, for the obvious reason that He was its Creator. Yes, He lived before time began as we understand time. There is

ample scriptural evidence to support the belief that Christ had a pre-mortal existence. I should like to refer to one or two.

He Was In The Beginning

John, in his inspired preface, said:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"The same was in the beginning with God.

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made . . .

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3,14.)

To this wonderful testimony Paul adds this corroboration:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether

they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
(Colossians 1:16-17.)

He Previously Existed

And the writer of Hebrews adds:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made worlds:" (Hebrews 1:1-2.)

Jesus Himself referred to His pre-existence many times; for instance He said:

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (John 6:38.)

And then in that greatest of all prayers we find the poignant passage:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (Ibid., 17:5.)

At another time He chidingly spoke to His uncomprehending followers and said:

". . . Doth this offend you?

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" (Ibid., 6:61-62.)

Proofs Confirm Our Faith

These proofs of Christ's pre-existence confirm our faith in the immortality of the soul for if the spirit had an existence before the body was created, so that spirit is capable of independent existence after the body dies.

The fact that He came forth from the tomb with spirit and body reunited—and this is the central fact in the

teachings of the apostles—gives divine assurance that we too, through His atoning sacrifice, shall partake of the blessings of the resurrection. Harken to His promise:

". . . I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And let us read together the words of John, written while He was on the Isle of Patmos, as recorded in Revelation.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: . . ." (Revelation 1:7.)

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, . . ." (Idem, 17-18.)

John continues:

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: . . .

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Ibid., 19:1, 16.)

John Saw Things To Come

Furthermore:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out

Resurrection

of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. . . .

"And he said unto me. It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. . . ." (Ibid., 21:2,6.)

Zechariah said that when the Master shall appear He will stand on the Mount of Olives, and the mount shall be cleft in twain, and they beholding the wounds in His hands shall ask whence these wounds, and He shall reply,

". . . Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (Zechariah 13:6.)

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain

shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." (Ibid., 14:4.)

Proclaim Pre-Existence

We proclaim the pre-existence and divine nature of Christ, the purpose of His life, the reality of His resurrection and the certainty of His second coming as eternal and well-attested truths and prophetic promises. They have illuminating and inspired significance for our troubled world. They are our heritage from the Judeo-Christian world, clarified and amplified by modern revelation.

They are relevant to our time and age, which, as the late Adlai Stevenson pointed out, "is a time of conflict of ideology, as a time of ferment in technology, a period of revolution in science, . . . an era when at last the means lie at hand to free mankind from the ancient shackles of pain and hunger.

It is all these things, but the true crisis of our times lies at a deeper level.

All this freedom and elbow room only thrusts onto us with more force the fundamental issue of faith that is in us."

As the late A. Powell Davies said: "The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but brotherhood."

Re-affirmation Of Truths

There must be a re-affirmation of the truths concerning the fatherhood of God, the Godhood of Christ, and the brotherhood of man. Truths for which the Saviour gave His life. Truth and brotherhood, love of God and fellow men, will make men free and establish peace in a world which is threatened with a devastating and final war.



Can't Erase Him From Man's Heart

The truculent and blasphemous attempts of communist ideologies to erase Christ from literature and to expunge all memory of Him from the hearts and minds of men, in order to degrade and enslave men, must fail, for as God made man in His own image, so His image is indelibly stamped on the souls of men, and instinctively they know that they are the sons of God.

The challenge of evil with its inevitable confusion tends to make the relevance of Christ's life and message more apparent and the application of His divine teachings more urgent.

It would be cowardly almost to point

of treason to dilute water down, and make insipid the soul-saving of these glorious truths. Indeed, as Paul said: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . .

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10-11.)

We humbly but fearlessly add to the testimonies of the prophets and apostles of old our witness that He lives, that He is a personal being, that He will come again with His resurrected, glorified body still bearing the marks of the crucifixion and that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.



THE TRIAL

He went to the Garden to Pray
For He knew the hour was nigh,
For Him to make the sacrifice
To suffer, bleed and die.

They knew Him because of the kiss
Judas placed on the Master's cheek,
Jesus knew His betrayal was coming
For He knew that Judas was weak.

The trial was short and shameful
Pilate knew it was a sham,
But they clamoured for the Saviour's life,
Must He condemn this Man?

He knew Our Lord was innocent
He moved to stem the tide
Of the superstitious, surging Mob
Whose mad cry was "CRUCIFY."

Jesus carried His cross to Calvary
Death—It's ransom price had won
For His life was dedicated
To atone for everyone.

The bitter cup of death descended
"It is finished," He softly said,
They had crucified our Saviour
The Son of God was dead.

He Our Lord and Prince of Peace
Yet He was unadorned
His only Regal Raiment
WAS A CROWN—OF PLATTED THORNS.

"Thus written it behooved our Christ"
To suffer, die—again arise,
Three days His body in the tomb
Was not seen by Mortal eyes.

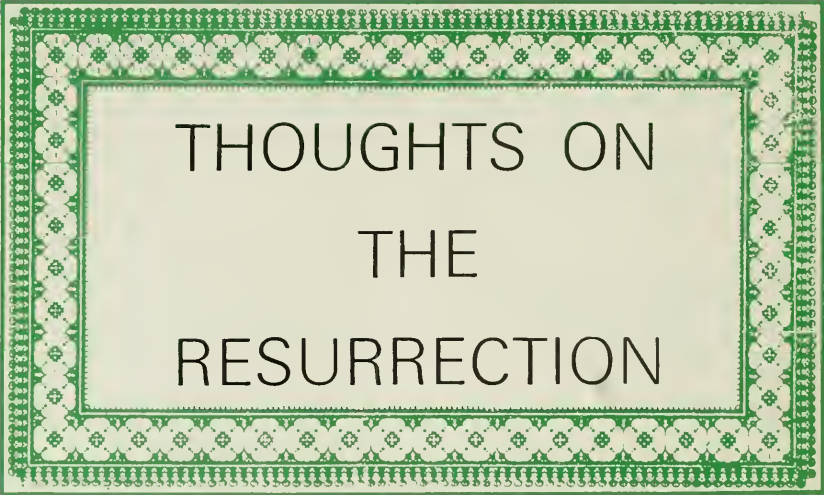
Three days, darkest doom had passed
Again He came unto His own,
To mark the path and lead the way
To our Father and Our Heavenly Home.

He blessed those whom He dearly loved
Prayed for those whose sin was cursed,
"Peace I leave with you." He said
As He Ascended from this earth.

Now today our hearts are full
Of gratitude for Him, who gave
A loving grace to mortal life
Honour to a conquered grave.

I know that my Redeemer Lives
I know He loves and cares for me,
God make me worthy of this gift—
Life—through all Eternity!

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THOUGHTS ON THE RESURRECTION

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★ The following thoughts on the reality of the resurrection were expressed recently by Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve:

There is nothing more certain than the resurrection of the body; there is nothing more universal than the resurrection.

I do not pretend to understand all the complexities of this great event; neither do I know just how the food that I eat is assimilated and transformed, some into bone, some into muscle, some into blood, some into digestive juices. I am not concerned about the process as I am about the fact.

What an enlightening thought is this one expressed by President Joseph Fielding Smith that "every fundamental part of every body will be restored to its proper place in the resurrection, no

matter what may become of the body in death. If it is burned by fire, lost at sea, no matter what. Every fundamental part of it will be restored to its own proper place."

Raised To Immortality

One thing we must keep in mind; all persons will, as a gift of the Redeemer, be raised from mortality to immortality, with perfect bodies, no more subject to aches, or pains, or high blood pressure, or arthritis, or disease, or any kind of physical deformity.

But, in order to have the fullness of joy and the fullness of opportunity, and that peace which passeth understanding and all opportunities in the resurrection—in order to have these blessings, we must earn them through obedience to God, and through service to others.



Through the justice of God, each of us will receive exactly what he merits. Each will be raised to a condition commensurate with that for which he has qualified himself.

The gifts and abilities we have developed here will be restored to us. The knowledge and intelligence we have acquired will continue with us. Our attitudes, our weaknesses, our vir-

tues, our positive attributes will be part of us. Indeed, what we are to be, we are now becoming.

Reap What We Sow

We are taught in the Book of Mormon that we shall in the resurrection "have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness . . . and the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness . . ." (2 Nephi 9:14)

God organized our spirits and our bodies and then, in His great wisdom, permitted us to create or shape our future. We are reaping in this life what we have sown in the pre-existence. We shall reap hereafter what we now sow.

It was in harmony with this principle that the Prophet Joseph Smith taught the divine truth that "whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection."

"For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift? Behold, he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift." (D&C 88: 32-33)

Such, then, is the reality of life after death.





—The Resurrected Christ

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:
handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and
bones, as ye se me have.

Luke 24:39

Signs And Events Of The Resurrection

By Elder John Longden

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★ Christians everywhere talk of the resurrection. I should like to call to your attention the second coming of Jesus Christ. The signs and events preceding His second coming are clearly taught in the scriptures and furthermore are being fulfilled now.

By way of review, while the Saviour was upon the earth on one occasion:

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

"He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

"And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:1-3.)

Let No Man Deceive You

I well remember as a boy in England hearing this statement many times. "Red sky at night, sailors take delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning."

Later, the Saviour sat upon the Mount of Olives; the disciples came unto him privately, saying: "... Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Ibid., 24:3-7, 10-14.)

Signs Everywhere Today

Think of the signs and events of the past several weeks—world-wide, bearing in on these predictions. We note, then, as the time approached for the Saviour's departure from His disciples, He instructed them in relation to conditions which would prevail on the earth preceding His second coming. Peoples of the earth would reject Him and His mission.

False doctrines would arise and there would be wars and rumours of wars because of the difficulties that would arise in the hearts of men. Nation would rise against nation. Peace would be taken from the earth, but His disciples should endeavour to remain faithful and true to their covenants to the end.

As we review the happenings of the past few years, we realize the most dreadful wars of all time have been fought in this dispensation, and the end is not yet. There are uprisings in many, many countries today. We have signs in the heavens and in the earth. Have they become so common we fail to recognize them?

In recent years, around the world, we have had some of the most destructive earthquakes of history. Distress in and among nations is increasing daily. Will anyone say that men's hearts are not failing them? Today, millions of people sit and tremble in fear of what may happen. The wickedness of the world increases. Nations are preparing more earnestly than ever before for the final great struggle.

Signs Of Unusual Proportions

Among the wonderful signs which would be given to indicate the near approach of His advent, there would not only be wars but also earthquakes in divers places, distress among nations, elements in commotion in tornados and hurricanes, the sea heaving itself beyond its bounds. There would be signs in the heavens as well as in the earth of unusual proportions. To impress His disciples that these events would surely come, the Saviour said:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

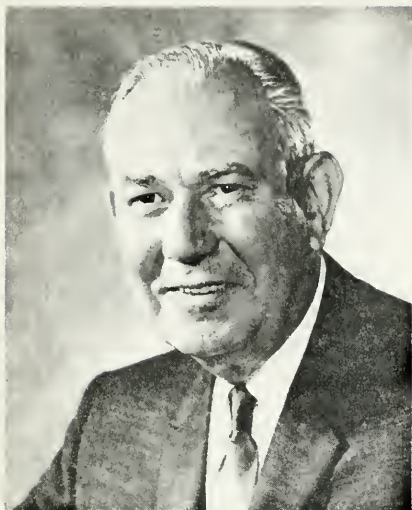
"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Ibid., 24:35-36.)

Today weapons are being made more dreadful than ever before, and fear enters into the hearts of all people. Is it so that we are able to see that the sky is red in the morning or in the evening and yet fail to see the signs in the heavens or in the earth? Surely there will be signs among the heavenly bodies before the end shall come. The earth will reel, the sun be darkened the moon not give its light.

Is the airplane flying in the skies from one country to another a sign? The heavens are filled with them, and people are fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 60:8. "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"

Moreover are not the missiles which are shot into the outer space and which revolve around the earth signs? Will anyone say that these do not, in a large measure, come under the prediction made by the Lord on the Mount of

Signs And Events



"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."
(Luke 17:26-30.)

Or as Peter predicted in 2 Peter 3:3-4: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
"And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? . . ."

Have Testimony Need Not Fear

True, the precise time of Christ's coming has not been made known to men. Yet I have no fear in my heart. Neither has anyone with a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By learning to comprehend the signs of the times, by watching the development of the work of God among the nations, and by noting the rapid fulfilment of significant prophecies, we may perceive the progressive evidence of the approaching event; but the hour or the day, no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven nor shall they know until he comes.

His coming will be a surprise to those who have ignored His warnings and who have failed to watch. Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Likewise, Peter predicted the Saints also shall hardly escape. Nevertheless I, the Lord, am with them. (See 1 Pet. 4:18.) This is a great promise to those who will keep their covenants. Another sure sign to take place before His second coming was the restoration of the Gospel and kingdom here on earth

Olives almost 2,000 years ago? Surely they are signs in the heavens, and there will yet come other signs as the Lord has promised.

Hearts Of Men Are Failing

It appears that the trouble brewing in this world in which the hearts of men are failing them is here, and other even greater manifestations of the near approach of the Lord are yet to come. Will we be in a category of the people in the days of Noah as recorded in Luke? "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

of the Lord Jesus Christ. This we testify took place 138 years ago.

The scriptures are replete with testimonies pertaining to the second coming of Jesus Christ. I would have you note Job and the Prophet Daniel, also the words of the Apostles after the crucifixion of Jesus: "... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11.)

Behooves All To Be Ready

Timothy had this to say: "... and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time. ..." Heb. 9: 28.) Likewise the Apostle Paul had this firm conviction when he said: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:

..." (1 Thess. 4:16.)

But the crowing testimony of all is from the Saviour of the world Himself: "... I am Jesus Christ, who cometh quickly, in an hour you think not" (D&C 51:20), given by revelation from the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith in May 1831.

May we be in the category predicted by the Saviour: "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Mat. 24:43-44.)

May we then observe the signs which are so evident and have the desire to labour and watch and so live as if the Saviour were going to come today.





WATCH WITH ME

"Watch with me," the Saviour said,
And then He knelt to pray
In the garden of Gethsemane,
Upon that fateful day.

"Watch with me," yet on return
He found them all asleep,
His brethren's eyes were heavy,
Good watch they could not keep.

"Watch with me," He whispered low,
Then turned to pray and find,
Through pain and suffering so slow,
Salvation for mankind.

"Watch with me," not "Go with me," . . .
Golgotha's hill He trod
With rude and weighted wooden cross,
The wondrous Son of God.

"Watch with me," not "die with me!"
Upon the carven tree
He suffered, died, and saved the world
Through all eternity.

"Watch with me," as Mary did,
When to His tomb she came
She saw Him standing there, and did not
Even know His name.

"Watch with me," and "Mary,"
The one word told her all.
"Master," she cried, and worshipped Him,
Upon her knees did fall.

"Watch with me," is this so great
A thing the Saviour asks
That we should ever strive to do
The simple daily tasks?

"Watch with me," "I'll follow
Along Thy narrow way.
Please comfort me, uphold me
On our Father's Judgement Day."

Gillian Brown-Lee

How I Teach My Children About The Resurrection

By Margaret Woods

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★ "What is the resurrection?" I suddenly asked my nine year old and quickly came the reply—"When somebody comes to life again." The ensuing conversation reassured me that he understood that the spirit would again inhabit the body which would rise from the grave.

It made me think of my own childhood conceptions of death and the resurrection. Our mother was a good, humble church-goer. My earliest memories were intermingled with the prayers she taught me to say and her interest in Bible stories. But she had then been denied a knowledge of the true gospel.

One Good-Friday morning, my sisters and I sat on "Mom's" bed discussing the crucifixion. I was the youngest, about six or seven years old, and the feeling I had for Easter at that time, remained with me until I became a Latter-day Saint—the accent being on the death of our Lord.

We went to church on Easter Sunday and sang our hearts out "Christ is risen from the dead," but we did not comprehend the full meaning, it was His death that really impressed us, as it did on every other Sunday when we gustily sang about the glory of the cross. The very idea that we too would one day be resurrected, never came

into it. We should probably have been extremely shocked if anyone had said so.

Understand

Living as we do, in a community where the stress seems to be laid only on the crucifixion of our Lord, it is of the greatest importance to ensure that our children know the full story and are well informed as to why this occurred, why it was necessary, but especially what resulted and how it was to affect us personally.

First, a child must understand what death is and that when the body of flesh dies, the spirit lives on. If our child is one that talks to and confides in us, we will soon learn when he is worried about what happens to us when we die. Without labouring the subject, we can discuss and instruct in simple terms.

Avoiding the issue will not make it disappear and the sooner a young person begins to learn that existence is a serious process, the sooner he will accept his role as a responsible member of his community and be better equipped to cope. In comparison, his enjoyment of the pleasant and happy experiences will most certainly become greater.

A child who desires to look upon the face of a dear grandparent who has just died and does so without horror but with a loving respect and a voiced knowledge of the fact that the body is very tired and the spirit has gone ahead one day to return, is well on the way to understanding.

Use Examples For Teaching

To some, it may seem dismal or even crude to use such incidents of life to instruct a child but as our Lord taught from the examples around Him because this was the simplest way for the disciples to understand, so it is easiest to explain to our children from our day to day happenings. (In this way, the arrival of a new baby gives rise to talk regarding our coming to earth to gain a body.)

Children's minds are not usually devious. They form straight forward pictures about what they are told. It can be pleasing, though perhaps disturbing,

to discover that as a parent your words are taken literally, without question, and that whatever anyone else says to the contrary is disregarded by your child. This is a happy state of affairs since it ensures success so long as the story is absolutely correct when delivered in the first place.

With the resurrection, as with everything else, it is a matter of having one's facts straight and then passing them on. The time to do this is when the subject arises or when the child has sufficient intelligence to take the information. Sunday School and Primary help enormously in the spiritual education of our children but it is in the home that the greatest impressions are made.

Family Gospel discussions and Home Evening lessons all contribute but particularly effective are those special few minutes with father or mother when a child says, "Sit on my bed mommy and talk for a bit."



Thoughts Of A Youth At Easter

by Michele McConkie

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"So live, that when thy summons comes
to join

The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm where each
shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained
and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy
grave,

Like one who wraps the drapery of his
couch

About him and lies down to pleasant
dreams."^{*}

★ To a righteous person, death should hold no terror. "An unfaltering trust" in the reality of God and in the divinity of His Son gives us a wonderful sense of security. When our loved ones die, what comforting assurance the doctrine of immortality gives us. The knowledge that we will be reunited at another time is a beautiful concept. John said

". . . whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As Latter-day Saints we are ceaselessly striving to perfect ourselves and to follow the commandments of the Lord. If we are successful in our earthly probation and our lives are virtuous, then death comes as a pleasant experience.

President McKay says that it is "the door to immortality and eternal life." It is more than an incident in the natural sequence of our progression.

We should aspire to gain the beautiful attitude towards death that Paul described when he said, "For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that

day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

The most important aspect of Christ's earthly mission was to die and be resurrected thus setting a pattern for mankind, a promise of hope and joy. Paul speaks of this, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead . . . For

this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. . .

O death, where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory?"

The true glory of the message of the resurrection is best described in these simple words of our president. "Christ is truly risen, and through Him man's immortality is assured."

* "Thanatopsis", William C. Bryant



RECIPES FOR YOU



Margaret Hamstead of London Stake has shared two of her special recipes with us. She is the wife of Joseph E. Hamstead, president of London Stake. She serves on the Stake Board of the Relief Society.

ORANGE BRAISED PORK CHOPS

- 6 loin pork chops cut 1 inch thick
- 2 tbsps. flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ginger
- 1 tbsp. grated orange peel
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup orange sections

Dredge chops in flour and salt mixture. Brown chops in shortening. Mix following ingredients and pour over chops. Cover and simmer 40-45 minutes until tender. Serves 6.

APPLE AND NUT CAKE

- 8 ozs. sugar
- 2 ozs. butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. soda
- 4 ozs. flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg
- 2 cups finely chopped apple
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon almond or vanilla essence

Cream together sugar and butter; add egg and beat well. Sift together dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Add apples, nuts and flavouring. Bake in a buttered baking dish or pie plate for 35-40 minutes in a moderate oven. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

Helpful Hints

Sister Hamstead offers these household hints to save time and work.

Greaseless Griddle Cakes

When making griddle cakes grease the pan for the first cake. After, rub a piece of raw potatoe over the hot griddle instead of greasing. The cakes brown nicely and there will be no smoke.

Sugar in Fruit Pies

When making fruit pies sprinkle the sugar under the fruit instead of on the top. The juice will boil up through the fruit and not out and over the top.

Custard Pie

When a custard pie shrinks away from the crust, it has been baked in too hot an oven.

Cream Pies

To prevent the bottom pie crust from becoming soggy, grease pie plate with butter. The crust will be soft and flaky.

Cookies

When making cookies, add one teaspoon of jam or jelly. The cookies will have a better flavour and will stay moist longer.

To Sour Milk

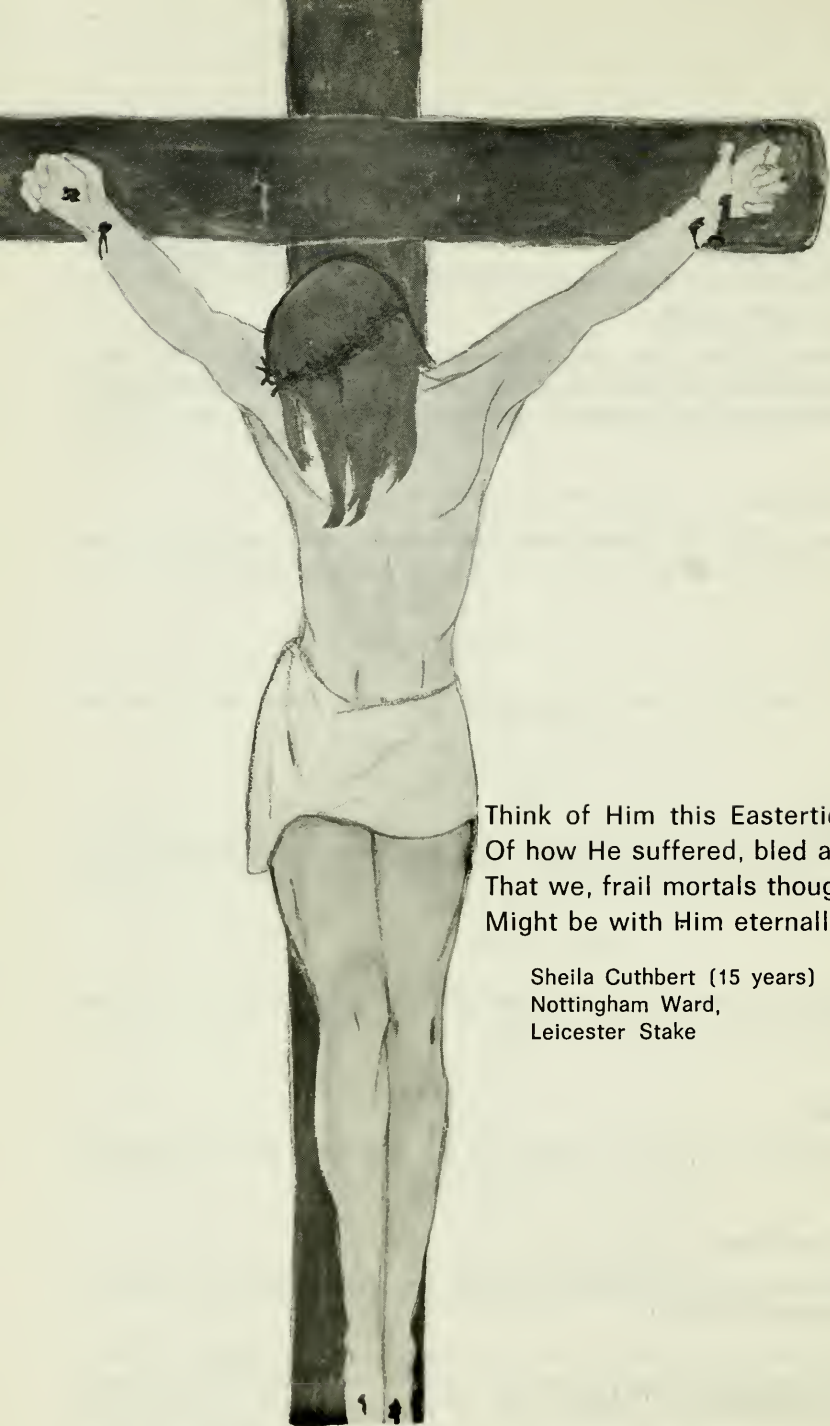
Two teaspoons of lemon juice added to one cup of milk will sour it immediately.

Chocolate and Cocoa

To substitute cocoa for chocolate squares, melt one tablespoon of butter to three tablespoons of cocoa.

Gentleman's Agreement with Life:

"Put back more than you take out."



Think of Him this Eastertide,
Of how He suffered, bled and died.
That we, frail mortals though we be,
Might be with Him eternally.

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(Poem and picture of Jesus, Both are by Miss Cuthbert.)

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO ME

By Carolyn Milligan

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★ Ask anyone what Easter really means to them—It is a time for chocolate eggs, fluffy lambs and extravagantly flowered hats. It's a nice time to have a few days holiday. But our Lord was crucified! How many of us remember this? What should Easter mean to us? What does it mean to Latter-day Saints?

Easter is a time of sadness, mingled with a deep sense of spiritual joy—"Our dear Lord was crucified, He died to save us all." We are most of us conscious of Jesus, at all times, but Easter is a time when we can really extend our thoughts and ponder with respect on the knowledge of His sacrifice. Think about the great love He has for all of us and the devotion He showed to His Father in Heaven, that Easter time so long ago.

How do you feel at the knowledge of Jesus lying nailed on the cross, suffering not only physical pain but mental torture, as He took upon Himself all

the sins of the children of men? Can you feel anything but shame—sorrow—at the thought of how we failed our Heavenly Father by allowing His only Son to suffer for our wrong-doings?

Thy Will Be Done

Try to imagine what it must have been like—Try to put yourself in our Lord's place. He knew He had only to say 'no' and His Father would have saved Him from that horrible death. Yet knowing the way in which He was to die, crowned with thorns and nailed upon a cross—He said "let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt."

Were you there when they crucified our Lord? If we are honest with ourselves we know that we all helped to put Jesus on His cross. Every attitude present on that hilltop then, is in our midst now—Every emotion that tugged at human hearts then, tugs at them now—every face, every voice was there. On that agonising day at Calvary, every sin that could or did exist was

represented. No wonder His heart was broken—no wonder the earth stayed in darkness when He was dying.

Every sin was in a nail, or a spear, or a thorn—and pardon for them all in the blood that was shed.

They hurled His own words back at Him but their words were like poisoned arrows—

"He saved others, Himself He cannot save, Yes, He healed the cripples, He gave sight to the blind, He made withered limbs whole again—

He even brought back the dead, but He cannot save himself."

"If thou be the Christ, come down from the cross." They shouted until they were hoarse. The noise was so great that only a few of them standing near the cross, heard what He said when His lips moved in prayer "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

How To Repay Him

What joy is mingled with our tears; how can we ever repay Him?

We can never completely repay the debt we owe to Jesus, but we can live better lives and progress in the Gospel so that when we meet Him we can say "Because I remembered Easter, I did this . . ." The commandments given us by our Father are made more important by the crucifixion. This should be our starting point—

The opportunity to remember Easter is given to us, as Latter-day Saints, every Sunday when we partake of the Sacrament. Do we really appreciate this moment?

Easter is a time for happiness and joy as well as sorrow but let us first give thanks and praise to our Lord for His mercy and let us also say "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

So this Easter time—let us endeavour, amidst chocolates, hats and flowers, to regard the occasion with the respect it deserves and needs.

Easter is today, tomorrow and always. Easter belongs to our Lord.

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In that quiet hour when evening turns to night,
Have you not noticed how the tempo slows,
How in the cooling air, and fading light,
Each bird, beast, flower, Is ready for repose?

So in life's whirling and tempestuous flight,
There comes a time when every person knows
That gentle slowing down, that brief respite,
That gives one time to ponder on a rose,
To savour sights and sounds with sweet delight,
Or, growing elderly, to sit and doze.

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Fashions In Our Time

By Sister M. J. Crimes
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★ Fashions in our time are both peculiar and fabulous, depending on your age, attitude and upbringing. "What are we to do?" many parents ask. We remember the criticism we suffered over our fashions and fancies when younger. We do not want our children to feel out of it or too dull to take any interest in their clothes.

After a great deal of thought I believe the best standard to set for ourselves and our children is this one: "Do I glorify my Father in Heaven?" This standard sets a personal responsibility on any aspect of our ambitions and casts away the confusion of fashionable opinions which beset any generation.

We have such beautiful young people about us and naturally they want to show this beauty off. Parents should encourage their children in this in the best way possible. What better way

than setting an example of "glorifying our Father in Heaven?"

Prepare By Example

You may be fair, fat and forty but there's no need to revel in it by looking it or even staying like it. Too often it does not glorify our Heavenly Father. It's not too difficult to see why young people refuse to follow their parents example.

In most cases it is running away from the problem for them, only to meet up with it, ill equipped and unready, later in their lives. Let us, who need to, prepare them now by our example. Most Latter-day Saint women display the simple good taste which is the key note of good fashion sense, but some just don't care.

Does anyone have to wear a brown skirt with a navy sweater and a green cardigan? So, you're hard up and cold. Wouldn't it look nicer to button up the cardigan properly and hide most of the

navy sweater? And who needs to wear three pieces of heavy jangly jewelery? That's hard competition for the most radiant of smiles. These are small complaints compared with others seen. Carelessness about one's appearance does not "glorify our Father in Heaven."

Use Common Sense

This earth life is full of wonderful experiences, and learning to clothe our bodies in a way which is pleasing to our Heavenly Father can be one of them. If these ideas appear to be advocating that we put clothes on too high a plane, consider this thought. If God hadn't loved beauty, would He have given us the flowers, trees and shrubs in such a glorious array?

He knew that beauty enriches the lives of all who behold it. Every Latter-day Saint woman needs to be aware of the joy she can bring to herself and others by taking care in her appearance.

To achieve this need not cost a lot of money. It requires the effort of using the gift of common sense. You may not think you have this gift, but you can gain it. Magazines, our own Relief Society Magazine has many helpful tips. Friends are always a ready supply of help. As a woman, you have the power within yourself to be beautiful. God gave us the gospel standards which assure you of appropriate and attractive dress.

Challenge To The Sisters

Elder Mark E. Petersen challenged the Relief Society sisters last year with "What right have you to tempt young men?" Let us tell our daughter frankly and directly why they should not do this. The femme fatal is made to appear alluring. Most of us, if we're honest, will admit to at least a desire to have boy friends falling at our feet when young. For various reasons, so often by the grace of God, we never become the femme fatale. Those who have, I do not doubt, live to tell a tale of much unhappiness.

Tempting men folk is an attitude of mind which according to Dr. Eustace Chesser, denies the very purpose of woman kind. Women who do so must do a complete rethink of themselves. Femme fatales definitely have no future to call their own.

Young people today have broken the yoke of the fashion barons that we followed. Let us repay them by helping them to remain free in this respect. Our daughters will be grateful for our good examples and encouragement. They will appreciate this particularly when the mini-skirts, plunging necklines and see-thro' blouses have passed away and their daughters are being drawn to yet another shape or style. They then, will help them to dress in a manner that will "glorify our Father in Heaven."





All Men Need To Repent

By Elder William J. Critchlow, Jr.

Assistant to the Twelve

★ People in all of the nations of the earth need to repent. The need is urgent. This declaration of need constitutes an indictment of guilt—transgressions are implied.

For what need we repent I may be asked? My answer:

For the same sins that brought low the impenitent inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah; for the identical sins that brought extinction to the impenitent Nephites on this continent; for the same sins that brought destruction to the impenitent souls in Noah's day; for the same sins that will bring the judgments of God upon the impenitent people in our day—unless we repent.

"... as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." (Luke 17:26.)

Our world has become a modern Babylon. Cities like Sodom and Gomorrah dot the earth.

"If we say that we have no sin, we

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8.)

In a very few moments, one could inventory in the mind his or her more serious transgressions—those already repented of, and those still to be repented of. It will take a little longer, and the list will grow a little longer, if we add to it our sins of omission. Sometimes our sins of omission are greater than our sins of commission.

What Is The Pattern For Repenting?

Now, how did we rid ourselves of sin or how shall we rid ourselves of the sins listed? Is there a pattern or formula for repenting? Definitely there is, in my humble opinion, and those who will pause to list their sins will, by so doing, be taking the first step in the repenting process.

In such a mental inventory we automatically recognize certain of our acts as transgressions, otherwise we would

not list them. No problem can be solved, no sin can be resolved until it is first recognized. Recognition of sin therefore is the first step in the repenting processes.

The Apostle Paul assented to the stoning of Stephen. He held the cloaks of those who threw the stones. Not until he was chastened by the Lord did he recognize the full extent of his sin. Great was his remorse thereafter.

A convert to the Church was unaware that he was transgressing a law of God as he imbibed tea, coffee, and tobacco until he was taught God's law of health—the Word of Wisdom. His conversion forced upon him recognition of the law. Violations thereafter constituted transgressions.

Seven Big "R's"

For the purpose of my theme I propose to spell repentance with seven big capital "R's." The first—"R" obviously stands for recognition.

Paul's godly sorrow for his sin suggests the second "R"—remorse. Our Lord, teaching His followers to pray, said: ". . . lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: . . ." (Matt. 6:13.)

He said that nearly two thousand years ago. Brought up to date, the 1968 versions seems to be: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from being caught."

Sorrow for being caught in sin is not remorse.

The third "R" stands for relating. All sins should be confessed unto the Lord "Where," said Elder Marion G. Romney, "one's transgressions are of such a nature as would, unrepented of, put in jeopardy his right to membership or fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ, full and effective confession would, in my judgment, require confes-

sion by the repentant sinner to his bishop or other proper presiding Church officer—not that the church officer could forgive the sin (this power rests in the Lord Himself and those only to whom He specifically delegates it) but rather that the Church, acting through its duly appointed officers, might with full knowledge of the facts take such action with respect to church discipline as the circumstances merit." (Conf. Report, Oct. 1955.)

The fourth "R" stands for restitution.

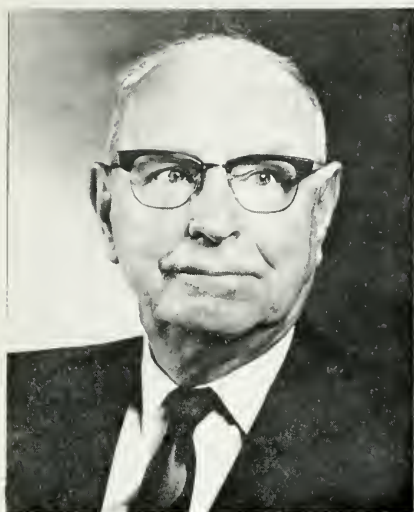
"For misconduct which offends another, confession should also be made to the offended one, and his forgiveness sought." (Idem.)

Some Things Cannot Be Restored

Restitution means to restore—to repair the damage. Three boys about to receive scouting awards were apprehended breaking streets lights. And were they sorry for being caught! Later, but before they accepted their awards, they recognized their acts as unbecoming Eagle Scouts and with a true feeling of remorse went to the power company to relate their transgression and offered to make restitution by paying for the lights. Incidentally, the only restitution exacted was that they be guardians of those lights. From then on the lights burned on and on and on.

Some things cannot be restored. Street lights can be replaced, embezzled funds and stolen property may be returned, but how does one make restitution for the sin of blasphemy—taking the name of God in vain. Blasphemy, used so freely to emphasize our conversation, is the most thoughtless of all conversational crimes. How does one make restitution for lies—for bearing false witness?

The wagging tongue like—



"The moving finger writes: and having writ,

Moves on: nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,

Nor all thy tears wash out a word
of it."

—Omar Khayyam

Paul's sincere apology to the Lord for assenting to the stoning of Stephen never brought back Stephen's life. Nor will all the prayers of repentant sinners ever restore virtue to a maid or a boy.

Firm Resolve To Forsake Sins

The fifth "R" stands for resolution. It implies a firm resolve to forsake our sins. There are two kinds of resolutions, one is called the New Year type. These come cheaper by the dozen and are branded with insincerity and guaranteed to last only till the next temptation. Few ever last longer than the winter snows. The other is the sincere type, resolved and guaranteed to last forever.

"By this ye may know if a man re-

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penteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them." (D&C 58:43.)

Resolves which are repeatedly broken merit no forgiveness.

". . . go your ways and sin no more; but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God." (D&C 82:7.)

We do not trifle with the Lord.

Reformation Next

A resolution is an expression of faith and like faith needs to be supported by works. The next step therefore involves works. It is represented by a big "R" which stands for reformation. A resolution is an intention to do well. Reformation is actually doing well.

". . . let every man learn his duty," said the Lord, ". . . he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (See D&C 107:99-100.)

Transgressors seek the forgiveness of Heavenly Father. Their fellow men will forgive "seventy times seven" (see Mattt. 18:21-22) because they have been so commanded.

"I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men." (Ibid., 64:10.)

To earn his forgiveness one should go the extra mile, forsaking not only his sins but adding the while devotion and service to prove his love for him. Such devotion and service constitutes reformation.

Six Steps Lead To Seventh

Now if in the process of repenting we follow these six steps, represented by the six "R's"—may I list them: Recognition, remorse, relating, restitution, resolution, and reformation we should have placed ourselves in a position to

enjoy the seventh step represented by another great big "R" which stands for realization—realization of the happiness that comes from righteous living.

Happiness is righteousness, said President McKay. "... if there be no righteousness there be no happiness." (2 Nephi 2:13.) A realization too, that we are forgiven by him whose forgiveness really counts, and a peaceful feeling will burn within our bosoms, and our minds will be at peace.

If spelling repentance with so many

"R's" complicates for you the repenting process, be of good cheer. Many good souls who couldn't spell it with seven "R's" or any other way have sincerely repented and have been forgiven. One's conscience seemingly has a way of conforming unwittingly. So let your conscience be your guide. "The sum-bonum of the proposition" (Henry Drummond) is repent—everybody repent.

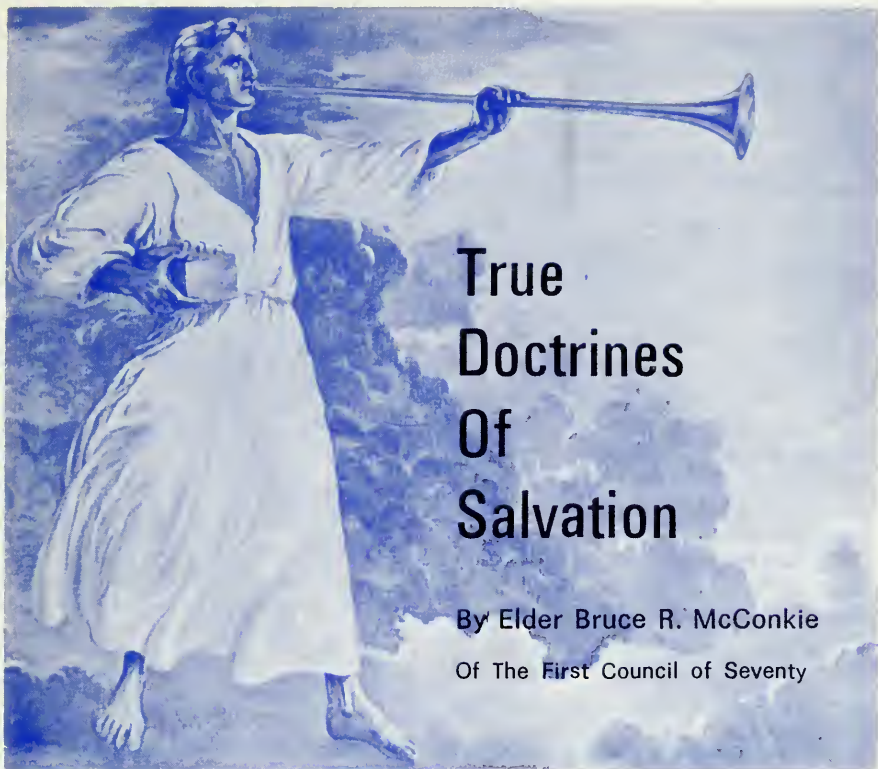
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9.)

Holiday Schedules

★ Wards and branches in the holiday areas are invited to submit to the Millennial Star their schedule of meetings and special events for the holiday season that they may be published for the good of all travelling Saints this summer. It is felt the publishing of the schedules will aid those travelling or visiting to locate the chapels.

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True Doctrines Of Salvation

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie

Of The First Council of Seventy

★ On April 6, 1830 by revelation and commandment, the Church of Jesus Christ, the same organization set up and perfected by Jesus and His Apostles of old, was again established among men. In it the Lord placed Apostles and prophets, revelation and visions, signs and miracles, the gift of the Holy Ghost, the true doctrines of salvation—indeed, all that was enjoyed by those of old wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and gained eternal life.

To this newly set-up kingdom of our Lord, the command came to carry the restored message of salvation to all men. With this commission came the revealed promise that the Gospel would roll forth, as the stone cut from the mountain without hands, until it filled the whole earth. The present Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with its millions of members and tens of thousands of missionaries, is continuing the work which will some day see the fulfilment of this divine promise.

Now, what of all these things? Are they true or false? In the very nature of things there is no middle ground. Our position is not like that of other organizations or churches. We are a peculiar people.

God Has Spoken

We say God has spoken from heaven giving us covenants and commandments.

We say angels have come from the presence of the Lord giving the same priesthood possessed by prophets of old.

We say Joseph Smith was called of God to commence the promised destination of all things and the latter-day gathering of Israel.

We say there are on earth today Apostles and prophets in the same literal sense in which such men graced this globe in generations gone.

We say The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the kingdom of God on earth and that in and through it men may gain the kingdom of heaven hereafter.

Now, these things are either true or false. Either God has spoken again or the silence of centuries remains unbroken. Either angels have come or they have not. Either the Gospel has been restored or the diverse and variant forms of a waning Christianity remain the best hope of the world. Either Joseph Smith was called of God or he was not

If Joseph Smith was a prophet, our professions are true. From that spring day in 1820 to the present moment, Joseph Smith's name has increasingly been the centre of religious inquiry. Hosts of men have sought to learn about his prophetic calling.

Salvation Through Christ

Once when he was in dire and perilous circumstances the voice of God comforted him with this assurance: "The ends of the earth shall inquire after thy name, and fools shall have thee in derision, and hell shall rage against thee;

"While the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous, shall seek counsel, and authority, and blessings constantly from under thy hand." (D&C 122:1-2.)

Certainly salvation centers in and comes because of Christ and His at-

oning sacrifice. He is the Lord God Omnipotent, the Creator, the Redeemer, the Saviour of the World. But Christ is known by and revealed through His prophets. Joseph Smith was the revealer of Christ and His Gospel to the world for this age. When the ends of the earth inquire after the name of Joseph Smith, it is because they seek the knowledge of Christ and of salvation that was revealed through him. Indeed, the revealed decree of Christ to Joseph Smith is: ". . . this generation shall have my word through you." (Ibid., 5: 10.)

Further: To the newly established Church in this dispensation the Lord said, speaking of Joseph Smith: ". . . thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me;

"For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith." (Ibid., 21:4-5.)

We Found Him

Thus when we bear record of the divine mission of Joseph Smith, we are also certifying to the divine Sonship of him whose servant the Prophet was. And when men of sobriety and sense testify, in all humility and with deep conviction, that they know by personal revelation that Joseph Smith was a Prophet, an obligation rests upon all who hear to investigate and learn for themselves whether that testimony is true.

When Philip learned for himself that Jesus was the promised Messiah, he sought out Nathanael and bore his testimony: "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, . . ." Nathanael was skeptical. "Can there

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any good thing come out of Nazareth?" he asked.

"Philip saith unto him, Come and see."

Nathanael came, investigated, learned for himself, and, speaking directly to Jesus, bore this testimony: "... thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." (See John 1:41-51.)

A Prophet Today

Similarly, we say to all men everywhere: "We have found the mighty prophet of the latter days, the one

called of God to bring to pass the promised restitution of all things spoken by the mouths of all his holy prophets since the world began." (See Acts 3:19-21.)

We know some will be skeptical. They will say: "Can it be that there are actually prophets of God on earth again? Is it possible that God gives revelation to-day?" To which we say: "Come and see. Inquire. Investigate. Learn for yourself. Ask God. Remember the promise: 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'" (James 1:5.)

In issuing this invitation we know full well that "the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous," among all nations will gain personal testimonies of the divinity of this great latter-day work. They will know as we know that Joseph Smith was called of God, for the Spirit will bear record to them, as it has to us, and as it did to the modern Apostle who, in announcing for the Church the martyrdom of the Prophet, wrote these words:

"Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it." (D&C 135:3.)



Where Do You Stand On Moral Issues



By Bishop Victor L. Brown

of the Presiding Bishopric

★ There are many influences in the world today which are undermining the character of men. It often seems that it is the smart thing to get as much as we can for as little effort as possible. More and more for less and less seems to be the popular chant. There is a feeling that if you do something wrong and get away with it and do not get caught, it is all right.

There is a trend in some areas of society today toward intellectual dishonesty. You will recall newspaper accounts of the exposé in the field of higher education where university students paid someone else to take their examinations and then accepted their diplomas as though they had earned them. You will remember the television quiz-show scandals. A survey was made

after this exposé, and an alarming number of those asked if it were wrong to mislead the public, felt there was nothing wrong with it whatsoever. In some areas of our society, winning for winning's sake seems a prime factor. These are but a few of the character-destroying influences in the world today.

Now, what is our position as holders of the Aaronic Priesthood? Where do we stand on these and other moral issues? Are we men of honour? If so, what kind of young men are we, really? Let me outline for you some of the traits of character which are basic if we are to justify the trust the Lord has placed in us. The list is long, but here are a few:

Truthfulness, honesty, integrity, dep-



endability, industry, and courtesy.

Truthfulness First

Of truthfulness, Jacob taught: "Wo unto the liar, for he shall be thrust down to hell." (2 Nephi 9:34.) Oliver Wendell Holmes had this to say: "Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all." In the Psalm of David, he says: "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." (Psalm 101:7.) In Proverbs we read: "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight." (Proverbs 12:22.)

Truthfulness is in very deed one of the foundation stones of true character. Without it, a holder of the priesthood not only breaks his trust with the Lord, but he deceives himself and his fellow-men.

Laveter had this to say about honesty: "He who purposely cheats his friend would cheat his God." In a recent editorial in the Church Section of the Deseret News-Salt Lake Telegram, we read the following:

"In the magnificent prayer of the Saviour, as recorded in the Gospel of John, the Lord is quoted as having said to His Father: 'And this is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.'" (John 17:3.)

Dishonesty Growing

'John evidently had the same thing in mind when he wrote in his first general epistle: 'And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.' (1 John 2:3-4.)

"If the achievement of life eternal means to know God, and if to know him means that we must keep his commandments, then certainly every one of us must be honest, true, virtuous, and chaste, and seek after every good thing.

"The wave of dishonesty which is sweeping the world is frightening indeed. How can the world be saved in dishonesty? How can it continue to justify itself in fraud and cheating and lying? And yet it attempts to do so.

"The air lines of the United States discontinue their so-called youth fares (reduced particularly for those of high school and college age) because of fraudulent misuse on the part of many young people.

"Shoplifting, which involves women and children for the most part, now runs into more than thirty million dollars a year.

See No Wrong In Cheating

"Sixty-five percent of the students in one high school reported that they cheat and can see no wrong in it.

"Three quarters of a million special officers are employed in the United States to watch employees in large

firms to attempt to prevent dishonest practices. That number is twice as many as all the state and local police in the nation.

"In one American city, police arrested 2,226 shoplifters in six months and recovered nearly \$70,000 worth of stolen merchandise. Half of these shoplifters were children. Most of the others were housewives."

And the article goes on to say:

"Dishonesty is one of the signs of a great let down in the moral fibre of the nation. It is also a sign—a dreadful one—that many men and women and boys and girls no longer regard their Christian religion as a way of life, but rather as something to be ignored, or at most to be used in intellectual exercise only.

Honesty A Principle

"Honesty must not be considered as a policy only, although it is all of that. It must be regarded as a principle of life, part and parcel of the daily conduct of each individual.

"If we are to consider ourselves as followers of the Christ, we must do as the Saviour says—keep his commandments.

"How often must he tell us: Thou

shalt not lie?

"How frequently must he say: Thou shalt not steal?

"Will we soon forget that we must not bear false witness—in anything? Not in making a sale, nor in representing values, nor in telling the ages of our children, nor in using other people's property?

"Without honesty, there is no integrity.

"Without integrity there is no character.

"Without character there is no godliness.

"Without godliness there is no salvation in the kingdom of God.

"As Latter-day Saints, we live in the world, but as was the case with the ancient Saints, we need not be of the world, nor partake of the sins and blemishes of Babylon.

"Zion is the pure in heart. If we are to be a part of Zion, then let us be as honest and true as God expects us to be.

"Hereby do we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments."

Now, I ask you young priesthood bearers: Can you in any way be dishonest without breaking this great trust the Lord has placed in you? The answer is obviously no.



Testimony

Of

Home Evening

By Briony Green



★ May we introduce Briony Green, a talented 16 year old from the Nottingham Ward, who has a real testimony of the value of Family Home Evenings.

Every Wednesday evening without fail, the Green Family gather together in the lounge of their modern bungalow at Keyworth. Head of the house, Albert Green has been Bishop of the Nottingham Ward since 1961, his wife Joan serves on the Stake Primary Board, Briony is ward organist and a Primary teacher and Jonathan aged 12 is secretary of the Deacon's Quorum.

Family Home evenings are a 'must' not from the point of view of duty, but because they are enjoyed so much. The Bishop or Sister Green usually give the lessons, but during school holidays the children occasionally take turns, or plan surprises.

Briony is a brilliant pianist. She is often called on to assist the music teacher at school and always plays for the school assembly programmes. Home evenings at the Green's always include music. As well as playing the piano and organ, Briony sings alto in the family quartet. They are in great demand at Ward concerts and socials. They often practice for these events after the weekly lessons.

Refreshments are always part of the programme, and a favourite with them all is a bar of chocolate, but on special

occasions more elaborate preparations are made. For instance, this year Sister Green's birthday happened to be on a Wednesday, and after the evening meal she was asked to go into her bedroom for a little while.

Jonathan and his father did the washing up while Briony and Roger, a young student who is staying with them, quickly hung up streamers and decorations, a red crepe paper "carpet" stretched from the door to the table where all the birthday presents were piled up. This only took a few minutes and then Sister Green was recalled and the Surprise Birthday party began. It really was a surprise!

With events like this you can imagine the happiness of the Green family. In lessons, testimonies and talks they have all related experiences and happenings that took place in family home evenings. Why does Briony enjoy these evenings together discussing lessons and how have they helped her? The main thing, she says is that they teach you HOW to live the principles. For example, very often we think we are being honest, but there are so many little ways in modern day living where we are being dishonest without thinking. We say we do not steal, but we may be stealing time, the lessons point out these facts and help us to be better Latter-day Saints.

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On The Move

Kicking His Way To Fame

★ BIRMINGHAM, England—Wayne Cannon, 16-year-old son of Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, and Sister Cannon, is kicking his way to fame at the John Wilmott Grammar School. He is a member of the school's Rugby team. His height of six foot four inches also gives him many opportunities on the basketball team as they play in and near Birmingham.

★ PUDUE, Indiana—Prof. Ramon B. Wilson of Purdue University, conducted the first Indiana Trade Mission to the Far East which began on March 13th. A native of Ogden, Utah, Prof. Wilson is a member of the Purdue Ward, Indianapolis Stake.

He is agricultural advisor and assistant to Indiana Lt. Gov. Robert L. Rock, and on the board of directors and was president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

★ NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey—The National Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced recently the appointment

of Ross J. Taylor, Scout executive of the Great Salt Lake Council, as director of training for the National Council. He is also a member of the YMMIA General Board. Bro. Taylor resides in the East Mill Creek 10th Ward, Mt. Olympus Stake in Salt Lake City. Prior to coming to Salt Lake City he was Scout executive of the Orange Empire Council at Santa Ana, Calif.

★ WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A native of Methil, Scotland, William Campbell, has been sustained as the new president of the Wellington Stake. He succeeds Pres. Keith A. Harrison.

Pres. Campbell was baptized in 1963. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children. He has served in a bishopric and as high counsellor. A contractor in New Zealand, he previously spent six months in Germany with the Black Watch, Scottish Highland Regiment in 1951-52 and 14 months in Japan and Korea with the Royal Scots, a Scottish Lowland Regiment.

★ LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A copy of the Book of Mormon is now found in each of the 1,700 rooms of the large Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. This is the largest distribution of the Book of Mormon in any hotel in the world.

GOD'S WAY

God is good, He shows to us
All things we need to know.
If we will ask Him for his help,
We'll find the way to go.

In His great magnitude of power
Our God can feel small pains.
He knows and understands and feels
Our losses and our gains.
Our sins, our triumphs, our distress
He suffered too, on earth.
Our heartaches, griefs and pain all bless
And teach us, swell our worth.

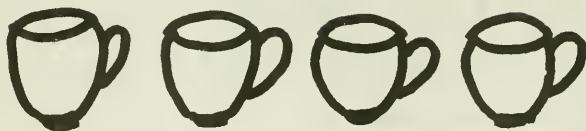
We are but small, so frail and weak,
We cannot stand alone.
We need each other, and we need
Our Father—He has shown
By all his blessings,
All his words,
And all we have each day.
He loves each one—each fragile soul,
And waits to lead the way.

He does not promise easy paths,
Nor short cuts through the plains.
But gave us maps to plan the route,
And prayer to ease the pains.
Our Father's love is waiting there
Though other hopes may fail
We may feel weary, lost, alone
A ship without a sail,
A boat without an oar, a bird
Left with a broken wing,
But knowing of our Father's love
We'll still have cause to sing.

—Georgina Smith,
Catford Branch

DYE YOUR OWN EGGS

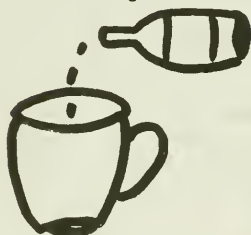
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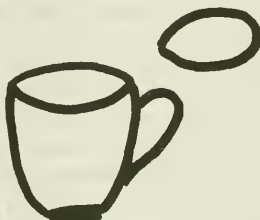
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Add 3 drops of different food colouring in each mug.



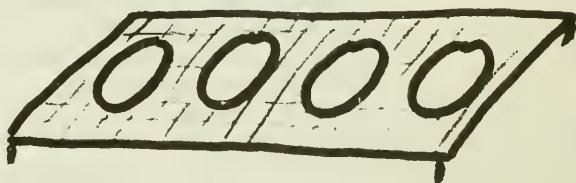
Put a white egg in each mug.



Add more water if needed to cover egg.



Leave the eggs in mugs until you have the right shade.



Carefully take the eggs out and drain on a rack.

Some eggs you might leave plain as the colours are beautiful. Others you may want to decorate with coloured paper pasted to the eggs with Copydex. Here are a few ideas.



Eyes



Ears



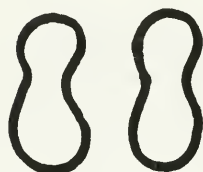
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(Fringed Paper)



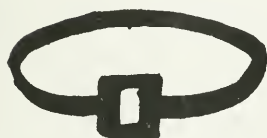
Mouth



Hair
(Fringed Paper)



Shoes

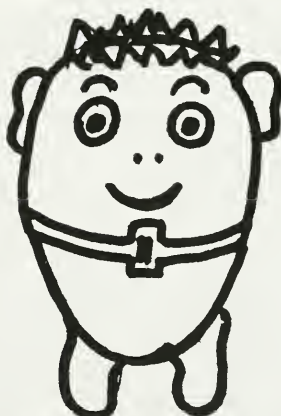


Belt



Hat

You can think of many more. Your's might look like this



Newport Relief Society

Raises £50 At Market Stall

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ The NEWPORT Branch Relief Society on the Isle of Wight, raised £50 at a stall in their local market. The sisters were complimented on the dozens of soft dolls and animals made.

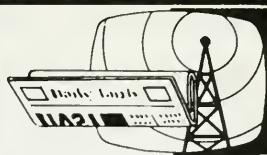
The proceeds from the stall were contributed to the Branch Building fund.

Members of the M.I.A. gave a wonderful performance of drama and singing at a "Melody and Mirth Night" recently.

Refreshments were also served and a further £1 12s. was added to the Building Fund.

★ A wonderful day was held by all when the Thames Valley District held their Parent and Youth Day at Reading Chapel January 27. It began with inter-Branch sports organized by Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. Aurthur Hunter. Basketball, net ball, volleyball and table tennis etc.





were enjoyed inside and outside the chapel until 6 o'clock when there was a break for refreshments.

The evening commenced with a Parent and Youth Quiz programme witnessed by a large and lively audience, and the parents won but only by 5 points. After the Quiz the "Let it Rain" programme was performed. The script was inspired by a speech of Elder Boyd K. Packer's entitled "Let Not your Heart be Troubled," and was concerned with the problems of youth. Ways and means by which problems may be faced and overcome were put forward, and parents and youth took part in it. Y.W. President Silcott was the producer, assisted by Counsellor Diane Atkenhead.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The KILMARNOCK District Gold and Green Ball was held at the GREENOCK Building on Feb. 10th. The recreation hall was tastefully decorated with a centrepiece of hoops covered in multi-coloured paper roses, and streamers stretching from this to the four corners of the roof. A running buffet was provided and guests received either chicken or tomato soup, followed by lemonade, a sandwich, chocolate biscuit, cake and trifle. Approximately sixty people attended, and William Graham, the District Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent was master of ceremonies. An excellent band, who played and sang very well, added to the enjoyment of the evening and really helped to keep up the party spirit. The dance ended at 10.30

p.m. and a bus transported many of the guests back to Glasgow.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ All tickets were sold, and a maximum of 280 dancers thronged the Leicester Stake House on Feb. 10th for a glittering Green and Gold Ball. Hearts and Flowers was the theme of the decorations arranged by Sis. Sanderson of Leicester, and they formed an appropriate background for the attractive young ladies in their formal evening gowns. During the evening eleven Laurel girls all aged seventeen, were honoured and presented with a carnation spray by Stake President Kenneth J. Poole.

They were then escorted from the stage by priesthood members from their own wards onto the centre of the dance floor, where they led off the next dance. Other young girls later gave an attractive movement display with decorated hoops, to the music of Beethoven's 6th Symphony.

This annual ball has increased in popularity over the years, and the majority of the ladies were in evening dress.

The stake M.I.A. leaders were overwhelmed by the response, and they are already worrying about where they can hold the next ball, as the stake house will just not be large enough. Geoff Harris was in good form as M.C. and ensured that everyone had an opportunity of dancing and getting to know

everyone else by including novelty numbers and progressive dances. Olive Attenburrow and her helpers worked hard keeping up the steady supply of refreshments needed for the buffet.

★ Forty-two sisters from the Nottingham Relief Society attended a social evening with a three course chicken dinner expertly prepared by Geoff Harris, and served by priesthood members.

The evening continued with entertainment, also provided by the brethren ably organised by Rick Burton, with David Bourne as Master of Ceremonies. Sketches, mime, piano playing and slap stick were all included in the programme. But the highlight of the show was the "Chorus Girls" act by four of the men dressed in football shorts and shirts, plus wellington boots, who gave a grand display of high kicks.

★ On Feb. 3rd the ward Primary held their Daddy-Daughter Dinner. John Rigley, Primary Priesthood advisor, was host for the evening. Everyone enjoyed the well prepared dinner in a lovely candle-lit room. Later there were games, magic, and some singing by two non-member friends of David Brailsford.

★ SOUTH BIRMINGHAM Ward Primary has started producing a "Primary News" which will be a monthly magazine telling of their activities. Recently they sent 5/- from their "penny box" to the "Save the Children" Fund.

★ On Sunday Jan. 14th 1968, after many years the Nuneaton Branch of the Leicester Stake received it's independence from the Coventry Ward and became a separate unit of the stake.

John B. Joseph was sustained as branch president, with W. John Ashmead as 1st counsellor and Ernest Hooker as 2nd counsellor. It is interesting to note that President Joseph's grandfather, was once also named John Joseph. President of the Birmingham Branch for 15 years, and is reputed to have helped in the formation of the first Primary in the British Isles.

President Joseph recently married June Fountain of the Hull Branch where she served as a District M.I.A. counsellor.

John Ashmead is a native of Swansea but from 1953 until May of last year he served in the Coventry City Police. At present he is in the Warwickshire Police at Nuneaton as a Detective Chief Inspector. He previously served the Church as a counsellor in the Coventry Ward bishopric and as ward clerk.

Ernest Hooker is an insurance agent and also a television actor. He has been connected with the theatre all his life and currently appears in such shows as "United," "Crossroads" and "The Newcomers." He is also the stake M.I.A. Drama director.

★ The Nuneaton Branch held its first "Daddy Daughter Date" on Feb. 3rd. Three daughters and their daddies met at the home of Brother and Sister Ashmead where they were entertained

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to a chicken dinner followed by a variety of games.

★ Raymond Poole, son of the stake president, celebrated his twenty-first birthday with a party at the Nottingham Chapel on Feb. 16th. Over a hundred friends and relatives enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Dorothy Poole, Hilda Storer and Doris Stevenson. In between dances, entertainment was provided by the Mission-aires, Neville Oldham from Leeds, and Harry Wilson of Mansfield.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ All over the country it seems that the young ladies are realising the pleasure of dressing-up for a ball, and the Hull District Green and Gold Ball was no exception. Many of them wore evening dresses as they danced from 8 p.m. until midnight to the Eric Wright Quartet. The Hall was decorated in Green and Gold by the East Hull M.I.A. and refreshments were prepared by Elaine Render and Valerie Baber. John Fenwick was M.C. for the evening.

★ The District Volleyball League came to an end this month. East Hull, West Hull and Beverley fielded one team, York managed two. The games were played in a good spirit of sportsmanship and Beverley Branch were the winners and will receive a Shield. The team which only lost one match to East Hull, included David Fenwick (Capt.) John Fenwick, Alan and Myra Kennington, Bob and Joan Thistleton and David Fewster as a reserve.

★ Saint Valentine was well remembered in Liverpool, when the Branch held another very successful "Country Cap-er" Night. Vic Selzer once again provided a very popular caller, as his band provided the music for two hundred and fifty people all in country dress, to dance and parade around the floor. Refreshments were served in gaily decorated boxes, painted with hearts and flowers to match the theme of the hall decorations and designed to bring popular Saint Valentine well to the fore.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Gorleston Relief Society Sisters have had quite a few successful stalls on Yarmouth Market, but the bad weather this winter made them think twice about standing out in the cold again. However, they found an empty shop just opposite the Market Place and after making enquiries, it was kindly lent to them by Woolworths. The sisters were delighted with the results, apparently the best to date, and they were also able to keep warm and dry.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The "Clavatones" provided the music for the Cornwall District's Green and Gold Ball on Jan. 26th, at the Operatic Room, St. Austell. About sixty saints attended and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

They turned out again in greater numbers for the District Valentine Party on Feb. 14th, this time at Redruth. Sister L. Seddon did a wonderful job in decorating the hall, and Truro and Falmouth Branches provided the refreshments while St. Austell and Newquay were responsible for the games and dancing. Helston M.I.A. provided the

entertainment, J. F. Harris and D. N. Harris mystified everyone with some tricks, and then had them laughing at their jokes. Everyone joined in singing "Home on the Range" and "You Are My sunshine" while one of the elders accompanied them on his guitar.

The Harris family is in the news again, this time C. G. Harris of Helston Branch knocked out E. Scorer of Redruth. Bro. Harris received a shield as the winner in his weight of the school boy section. The town folk are justifiably proud of the way he represented them.

gathered for a most enjoyable evening, and President Harold Hunt of the Essex District acted as M.C. The organisers of the event were Malcolm Taylor, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. secretary and Carole Corless, Stake Y.W.M.I.A. activity counsellor.

★ The Stake has divided the wards into three groups of three for the purpose of playing off preliminary rounds in sports tournaments. The winner from each zone then comes forward to the stake final. On Feb. 10th the Netball final was played at Greenwich Park School, and Hyde Park Ward won the Hemmingway Trophy.

LONDON STAKE

★ "Snowflakes," the theme of this year's Stake Green and Gold Ball, held at the South London Chapel, was attractively carried out in the decorations by cutting out polystyrene tiles. Approximately 300 members and friends

In order to improve skills in the various activities, the stake M.I.A. has instituted a programme of workshops. In addition to one leadership weekend devoted mainly to drama instruction, and another to sports and camping, half-day workshops are being held 2-3



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months prior to the stake festivals in speech, drama and roadshows.

On Saturday morning, Feb. 17th, a speech workshop was held under the direction of William Sheppard, 1st assistant in the Y.M.M.I.A. Sessions were also conducted by Una Budge, and Brother and Sister Colin Price of Luton Ward.

Three and a half hours of intensive

speech training included: impromptu talks, 15 second original TV "ad" spots by each person, interviews, planning a talk, how to create enthusiasm for speech, better diction and tone etc. Each person had the experience of hearing his/her own voice recorded.

The regular monthly leadership meeting was held in the afternoon, and in



A Scene from Hyde Park Ward's play "The Showing-up of Blanco Posnett."

the evening three wards took part in the drama festival. Catford Branch presented a comedy "George." produced by Barbara Jeffrey. Eileen Letby produced North London's drama, "The Prisoners," and Hyde Park Ward, under the direction of Michael Murdock, presented G. B. Shaws "The Showing-Up of Blanco Posnett." The influence of the drama instruction received at the January leadership Weekend, was very noticeable in the higher than ever standard achieved by the three productions.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On the evening of Jan. 31st, Billingham M.I.A. held a party with a Hawaiian theme. The leis made by the Y.W.M.I.A. from coloured crepe paper looked very colourful and helped everyone achieve the right mood. Games were organised by Jeff Kenworthy. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of two up-and-coming artists, Jeff Mawlam and John Bowron, in an exotic, if not expert, dance routine. Knobbly knees are not usually seen in eastern dances. The Y.W. presidency prepared refreshments which included roast potatoes stuffed with cheese, fresh coconut and bananas baked in their skins. All that was missing was the palm trees and Hawaiian sunshine.

★ Consett Branch turned over the whole M.I.A. evening to a local naturalist who gave a lecture on the wild life in the Derwent Valley. The lecture was fully illustrated with a collection of the naturalist's own colour slides. Everyone present found it both interesting and enlightening. The following day six members of the M.I.A. went for a hike. They left Consett at 10.30 a.m. and arrived at Edmond Myers at 12.30 p.m.

They took their own food, built a fire and cooked it on the spot and then they walked back over the moors.

★ At a Primary Fancy Dress Party in February at the Middlesbrough Ward, guests feasted on wonderful home-made bread, baked on the premises by Eva Cupryna, and meat dips.

First prizes for the Adults Fancy Dress went to Jean Harburn as Minihaha, and Albert Smith as an Ancient Israelite. The children's prizes were won by Alfie Harburn as "Crime does not pay," and Adrienne Henwood as "Queen Bess." The event raised £5 7s. 6d.

The M.I.A. held a Valentine Dance on the 14th in aid of the building fund and credit must go to those who decorated the cultural hall and turned it into a fantasia, namely Lynn Hammond and his class, Albert Smith, Lesley Marshall and Kathryn Henwood. Across the room stretched scores of red, pink and white streamers; a huge heart dominated one wall, and a booth completely covered in paper flowers stood on the opposite side.

★ Two problems were solved simultaneously in Middlesbrough during February. The first was that of a sister moving into a new house who needed help in completely redecorating it; the second problem was that of M.I.A. wanting to find a new way of raising money for the Building Fund. Needless to say the two got together, and members of the M.I.A. are doing the decorating, and the money will be given to the building fund.

★ Children of the Sunderland Ward Primary gave an outstanding perform-

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ance of a pantomime on Jan. 27th, which bore a striking resemblance to "The Sleeping Beauty," in spite of the efforts of some of the younger players. Credit is to be given to those officers of the Primary, and friends who devoted a great deal of their spare time to training the children. The show was a great success, and was watched by a large audience. This will be the last show organised by the present Primary President, Iris Pearson, as the Pearsons are expecting to emigrate to South Africa shortly.

★ A surprise Dance was held at the Sunderland Stake House on Feb. 3rd, the programme being kept strictly secret until the evening. Instead of having a band as usual, dancing was to records. The varied programme provided opportunity for young and old alike to let themselves go, and everyone joined in the Virginia Reel, which was demonstrated and taught by the Gateshead Branch. Winners of "Spot" dances, found themselves taking part in "Take your Pick" later in the evening, in order to get their respective prizes. Jeff Mawlam was a very entertaining and amusing M.C. and "Take your Pick" compere.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Stourbridge Branch has become noted for interesting and unusual firesides. Guest speakers are usually from organisations outside the Church.

During February, Mr. Carter from the Samaritans related some of his experiences with people on the verge of suicide, because of marital problems, or drug addiction and many other reasons. He explained that the Samaritans

are a friendly organisation to help desperate people. They do not ridicule their failings, and they have been able to help many unhappy, unwanted citizens to find security in their lives, and give them the reassurance that someone does care and love them.

One of the questions asked was "If a wanted criminal sought help from the organisation, would they hand him over to the police?" Mr. Carter replied that while he would do everything in his power to help the person in question, in the interests of the community, legal action would be sought.

After this somewhat serious discussion, refreshments were served by the Relief Society, and one of the investigators Shirley Leddington, delighted the audience by singing two songs.

★ Another Valentines Day Dance is reported from Northampton Branch when about thirty young people attended despite the terrific downpours and cold weather. The decorations, made by the artistic members of the branch, were on a heart theme, and were excellent. This is the third dance organised by the dance director and a committee of three boys and three girls.

There has been a change in the branch presidency as 1st Counsellor Brother Rowlands has now become the president of the new Wellingborough Branch. Brother Wilson and Brother Essom are now 1st and 2nd counsellors to President Wade.

On Feb. 4th, at the Fast and Testimony meeting, Doreen Esson received the David O. McKay award for introducing a new family into the Church, and

her two little granddaughters were blessed.

★ The first major event in the Hereford Branch calendar for 1968 was the St. Valentine's Dance organised annually by the M.I.A. with the majority of those in attendance dressed in the costumes of bygone years, and the brethren sporting moustaches, especially acquired for the occasion. Miss Griffiths, a caller, was engaged for the evening, and proved to be an excellent M.C. Refreshments took the form of an old fashioned farm house supper—cottage loaves, cheese and pickles with gallons of squash to quench the thirst. The award for the most original hat, designed and worn by the sisters, was made to Sister Eacock. Elder Swenson, with a most engaging moustache-cum-goatee beard, took the award for the most original face fungi. The judging was done by Miss Griffiths.

★ The Midlands West District held their eliminating rounds for the 1968 sports programme at the Henry Cheshire School, late in February. A most wonderful evening, absolutely packed with the sporting events, was worked to a most tight schedule. Many close results ensued and the roof of the gym almost disappeared on several occasions as supporters of the various branches gave voice to their approval of their team's efforts. Full results were; Five-a-side football, under 15. Worcester 9. Kidderminster 1.

Five-a-side Football, Open age. Worcester 3. Hereford 2. Worcester 3. Kidderminster 1., Hereford 1. Kidderminster 7.

Girls Basketball Hereford 14. Stourbridge 16. Kidderminster 26. Stourbridge 12.

Volleyball. Hereford 16. Stourbridge 14. Hereford 15. Kidderminster 13.

★ The newly organised Midlands East District held their first District Council meeting in the Peterborough Chapel at 8 p.m. on Feb. 13th. The responsibilities of the District Councilmen were explained by the District Presidency and many questions answered. President Derek A. Cuthbert, 1st counsellor to the Central British Mission President, gave much encouragement and help. Reorganisation of the district presidency became necessary when President Leonard Joyce and his family left Corby for Whitby in Yorkshire. The new presidency consists of; Richard D. Thomas of Stamford, as district president. Peter Williams and Roy C. Whitehead of Peterborough as 1st and 2nd counsellors. Six District Councilmen have been called so far, they are; Raymond Rose, Thor Larson and Eric Jones, all of Lincoln, Albert Fryett of Newark, Cecil Guscott, Peterborough, and Gaylord F. Young, Huntingdon.

★ The first "Miss Youth Club" competition ever held in Peterborough was won recently by 17-year-old Terry Guscott, a member of the Peterborough Branch. The title was presented to Terry at a dance organised by the city Youth at which more than 350 young people were in attendance. This honour was bestowed in recognition of her youth and beauty. As a winner of this competition Terry will be required to represent the City Youth Service at various



Miss Terry Guscott being crowned "Miss Youth Club" in Peterborough

social functions throughout the year, and at some will have the privilege of introducing the mayor.

Terry is the daughter of Brother and Sister Cecil J. Guscott of Peterborough, and is very active in branch and youth activities, but also finds time to serve as a District Missionary in the Central British Mission.

★ Janet Garner of the Rhyl Branch is very interested in writing to saints in other parts of the world. Presently she corresponds with 26 members from Austria, Netherlands and Australia, and is awaiting replies from Peru, and Norway. She contacted the mission presidents and asked them to circulate her letter to their branches. If anyone else is interested in this hobby and would like to write to Sister Garner her address is; 58, Elwy Drive, Rhyl, Flintshire, North Wales.

BIRTHS

★ Jan. 20th—To Terry and Tina Bramford, Lincoln Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Stephen James.

★ Jan. 17th—To Geoffrey and Suzette Dunning, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Sharon Lynn.

★ Jan. 17th—To Walter and Pamela Woods, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a son, Mark Simon.

★ Jan.—To Brother and Sister Bradshaw of Daventry, Central British Mission, a son, David Stephen.

★ Jan. 31st—To Clive and Joy Blakeson, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a son, Dale Clive.

★ Jan. 2nd—To Terry and Rosemary

Munden of Ilford Branch, a daughter, Claire Charlotte.

★ Dec. 26th, 1967—To Pamela and Trevor Wright of the Ilford Branch, a son, Craig Trevor.

MARRIAGES

★ The wedding between Meriel Borrett and Keith Alcock took place on Jan. 13th at the Southampton Chapel. District President Talbot performed the ceremony, and the choir sang "Thanks be to God." Sister M. Grant gave a beautiful rendering of "Salvation." The reception afterwards was prepared by the Relief Society.



★ Sally Spencer, formerly of the Woodsetton Ward, Leicester Stake, and Ray B. Diamond of Salt Lake City, were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Dec. 22nd. Sally served as a stake missionary in the Walsall Branch where she held a nursing appointment before emigrating 3 years ago. The couple now live in Denver Colorado where Dennis is working at the U.S. Army hospital.

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ENGAGEMENT

★ Patricia Tate of Southampton Branch to Peter Withington of Crawley Branch.

★ Peter Brian Pickthall and Gloria Margaret Rose of Catford Branch. They plan to be married at the Hyde Park Chapel, London, 22nd June 1968.

★ Kenneth Jones and Anne Hudgell of Catford Branch. They plan to be married at Sheffield, 17th August 1968.

★ Tony Evans and Jennifer Jones, Wrexham Branch, Central British Mission, engagement announced on 16th February 1968.

OBITUARIES

★ Dec. 24th 1967. George Burns of the Middlesborough Ward, Sunderland Stake, aged 70 years. Born in 1897, Brother Burns did not become a member of the Church until after his marriage to Florence May Robinson, who had been a member all her life. She converted her husband. They were married for 46 years and had three sons and four daughters.

Sister Burns was bedridden and so her husband could not travel to the hall where Middlesborough held their meetings, but just around the corner from their home was a plot of land which the church owned, and it was

Brother Burns great desire to see a chapel built there. In 1964 work on the building began, and from the first day Brother Burns was out working on the site, even though he was in his 67th year. In the three years that it took to build the chapel he was only absent for 14 days, he tackled any job that needed doing and worked every available moment. He was present when the chapel opened and attended every Sacrament Meeting from that time. Unfortunately, a few months after the opening he had a stroke and did not leave his bed again.

Alex Stewart, a former Church Building Missionary, now of Billingham ward said, "The faithfulness of Brother Burns was a daily example to the building missionaries who worked on the Middlesborough Chapel." To the members of the ward, and the Burns Family, George Burns lives on in the fine chapel which, without his dedicated work could have taken so much longer to build.

★ Phylliss Mitton of Beverley Branch died on Jan. 6th 1968. She will be greatly missed by the branch members, and especially the Relief Society, where her work had been greatly appreciated.

★ William Cattle, of the Beverley Branch died in December, He was loved by all who knew him.

★ "Unity, harmony, goodwill are virtues to be fostered and cherished in every home."

—President David O. McKay



Ordinations

Newly ordained Elders of the Scottish Mission:

Charles Kerr, Forfar, Jan. 28, 1968
Alan Henry Brown, Kirkcaldy, Jan. 28, 1968
James H. Sharp, Kirkcaldy, Jan. 28, 1968
Ronald MacFarland, Dunfermline, Jan. 28, 1968
Erie Moir McPherson, Wynd Dundee East, Jan. 28, 1968
Andrew Gilbert Shaw, Aberdeen, Feb. 11, 1968
John Donaldson, Aberdeen, Feb. 11, 1968
William Mantey, Edinburgh, Feb. 24, 1968
William Watson, Bathgate, Feb. 24, 1968

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God lends His land a little while,
That we may till and sow—
And fill the earth with bounty,
With precious things that grow.
But streams should never be defiled,
Nor must we spoil the trees—
Or mar the endless beauty,
Of all the things that please.
This is the law that all can keep,
A law that's right and just—
God lends His land a little while,
It's only ours on trust.

From (Miss) Miriam Eker,
Victoria Park,
Longsight,
Manchester

Short Story Contest

★ The Millennial Star Board of Directors have decided to sponsor both a short story contest and a poetry contest. The short story may be based on a true event. Deadline for entries has been set for August 30, 1968.

Anne Bradshaw, third place winner in the 1967 short story contest, in a recent post to the Millennial Star, expressed thanks for the "lovely book as third prize . . . I must apologize for not writing my appreciation before, but we have just had our first baby and there hasn't been much time to spare.

Thank you once again—it was a lovely surprise."

And CONGRATULATIONS to you Sister Bradshaw on the birth of your first child. We hope you'll enter the new contest.

Rules pertaining to the short story contest are printed herewith. Rules for the poetry contest will be published in the May issue of the Millennial Star.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all members of the Church in Great Britain.
 2. Only one story may be submitted by each contestant.
 3. The story must not exceed 3,000 words in length and preferably typewritten. A duplicate copy of the story should be retained by the contestant to insure against loss.
 4. The contestant's name is not to appear anywhere on the manuscript, but a cover sheet on which is written the contestant's name and address is to be enclosed with the story.
 5. A signed statement is to accompany the story submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the story submitted (state the title) is the contestant's original work.
 - c. That it has never been published, that it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication, and that it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest is decided.
 6. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the story.
 7. The judges shall consist of the Managing Editor of the Millennial Star and two members of the board of Directors of the Deseret Enterprises.

In evaluating the stories, consideration will be given to the following points:

 - a. Characters and their presentation.
 - b. Plot development.
 - c. Message of the story and compliance with LDS standards.
 - d. Writing style.
 8. Entries must be postmarked not later than August 30, 1968.
 9. All entries are to be addressed to Millennial Star Short Story Contest, Deseret Enterprises, 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England.
 10. Certificates will be presented to all who submit stories. Special certificates of merit will be given to first, second and third place winners.
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Exodus



★ Herewith is another fine short story, one of those submitted in the recent Millennial Star Short Story Contest. This one, *Exodus*, was written by Mrs. Margaret Pamela Johnston, 94 Edenderry Park, Banbridge, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

★ Emma Brown sat in the back of the wagon, cradling her sick child in her arms. It was early spring in the year 1847.

The child stirred restlessly in her arms, and as she looked at his small pinched face, she wondered how long it would be before they were placing his small lifeless body in the crude wooden boxes that served as caskets for their dead. The winter had been a bitter one for them. Emma had already lost one little girl, and now it looked as though little Joseph was to follow the same fate. "Dear Lord" she prayed,

"if it be Thy will, save this little one for us." He was only 18 months old, and it seemed so terribly unfair that he should be lying here like this in the grip of pneumonia, from which there was no cure.

The canvas flap at the end of the wagon parted, and President Young climbed into the wagon. "How is the little one?" he asked, his kind face creased with concern for the child. "I'm afraid its hopeless, sir" she replied, "the fever will not break." The President had watched many lives, both young and old ebb away on their long journey over the plains, but it still struck him to the heart when he saw a child like this. He knew that if Emma lost this little one, it would be the breaking point for her. She was alone now, except for her oldest son Samuel, and he was only 6 years old. Her husband Joe, had gone off in June 1846

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with the Mormon battalion to fight in the war in Mexico, and although he knew that the war had been over when the battalion had reached its destination in January 1847, it would be some time yet before they returned.

Blessed The Child

The child, turning restlessly in his mothers arms, brought him back from his thoughts, and, turning to her he said "Emma, I will ask a blessing on the child, and then it is in the hands of the Lord." When he had finished, he laid a hand on her shoulder, "don't worry Emma" he said, "I have a feeling that our journey's end is near." Emma took comfort from his words, and when he had gone, she laid the sleeping child down on the hard little bed, for she saw that he seemed to be sleeping more peacefully. As she lay there on her own bunk the sound of the band playing brought her thoughts drifting back to the year 1830 . . .

It was in the summer of 1830, that the news broke in Colesville, New York, that the much-talked-about Joseph Smith was to conduct a meeting there the next day. Miss Emmeline Drayton and her girl friends had decided to hear him speak, although both her mother and father, being staunch Presbyterian, had forbidden it.

Next evening, as she sat in a place near the front of the hall, she could not take her eyes off the young speaker. He was much more handsome than she had been led to believe, and something compelling in his sincere blue eyes, told her that here was a man you trusted instinctively.

The speaker had only started to tell a little about the Book of Mormon, when suddenly from the back of the hall there was a disturbance, and a group of men strode up and arrested the young speak-

er on the charge of "being a disorderly person, setting the country in uproar by preaching the Book of Mormon."

Falls For Captor

There was uproar in the hall at this, and Emmeline found herself almost crushed in the mob of people, all making for the door. Suddenly, she found herself being lifted bodily, and looking down she found "herself gazing into the kindest brown eyes she had ever seen. She recognised her captor, as being one of the young men who had been on the platform with Joseph Smith. He carried her out of the hall, and when they had reached the street set her gently down. Joseph Brown, had come from Seneca County, New York. He told her that he had come to know the Prophet Joseph Smith through going to hear him speak in Seneca, and that he had been baptised a little later in Seneca Lake.

He explained to her many things which she had found a little puzzling at the meeting, and listening to him, she had become convinced that his church was the one for her. She told him that her name was Emmeline Drayton, but he had promptly shortened it to "Emma". before he left her, he pressed a copy of the Book of Mormon into her hands, with the request that she should read it. As she had lain in her room that evening she knew she had fallen in love with him, it was as simple as that, and she knew too that after all she had heard, and read, she would accept no church only his.

Three months later, after much disagreement with her family, they were married. Just over ten months later Emma had given birth to their first son, their joy knew no bounds. They called him Samuel, after the Prophet's own brother, who had set off on his mission

with the first copies of The Book of Mormon in 1830. When their son was only one month old, they left Colesville, and travelled across country to Jackson County, Missouri, where a settlement was being set up, under the direction of the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, in Kaw Township.

Trouble Began In 1832

Emma recalled that the first real indication of trouble had begun in the spring of 1832, when a mob of settlers began roaming the streets and breaking windows in a number of Mormon homes. Then in the autumn of that same year, they had set fire to haystacks and shot into houses. In the late summer of 1833 the mobs again patrolled the streets, threatening to whip and drive all Mormons from the county. Finally under duress, the Mormon settlers had agreed to leave by April 1834, but even this had not been good enough for the settlers, and in October, 1833 the terror had begun again. With more than 200 homes and crops destroyed, they had packed up what little of their possessions were left, and, not knowing where to go, had fled north.

In December, 1836, a County had been created to become a "Mormon County." The Mormon families purchased the lands, and proceeded to build their homes again. As she had watched her home being finished, Emma thought that surely now they would live in peace and contentment and all went well until 1838, when once again the mobs rode through the Mormon communities, bringing violence and hate with them.

As the Mormons fled to Illinois through the winter of 1838-39, many of their company died from exposure or illness. They had been led by a young member of the Council of Twelve, Brigham

Young, as their prophet had again been imprisoned on false charges. On this tragic journey, little Sarah had died and it was with sorrowful hearts that the Brown family had arrived in Quincy, Illinois.

Buy Swamp Site

Although the people of Quincy had received the refugees with kindness, it was soon apparent, that some kind of permanent provision be made for the families. With the arrival of the Prophet and his followers in April, 1839, arrangements had been made for the purchase of a site about 45 miles from Quincy, and when Emma and Joe first saw it, their hearts sank. It was an unhealthy place, consisting mostly of swamp land, and they could not see how they would ever make anything of it. However, under the direction of their leaders, they began the work of draining the swamps and plotting a city. The work had gone slowly, for the people had been exhausted from the hazards they had come through. Many fell victim to malaria, and Emma herself had been an early victim. On July 2nd, 1839, when hearts and spirits were at their lowest, the Prophet, himself ill, called upon the Lord to help them, and was answered, by being given the blessing of being able to heal the sick. He arose from his bed, and commenced healing the people, and soon all were well again. That was a day that Emma would never forget, and they had all fallen on their knees to give thanks to God for His great mercy.

The Prophet had named the site, Nauvoo, which means "the beautiful location," and now for the first time they could see beauty in the place. Soon houses and shops were built on what before had been swamp land, and the foundations of a temple had been laid.

Everything was going along wonder-

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fully when a terrible blow struck. On 28th June, 1844, they heard that their wonderful Prophet had been murdered by a mob, outside Carthage jail, and also his brother Hyrum. Sad were the faces in Nauvoo when next day, the two bodies were laid to rest.

Short Peace

For a while, the shock of the murders to the public in general, had allowed the Mormon community to live in peace, but before long the terror was to begin all over again, and in February 1846 they began to leave Nauvoo. Emma had been putting Samuel to bed after prayers, when Joe had come running in to tell her that they must pack up and leave. Emma was expecting their third child, and she looked around the familiar home for the last time, her heart had felt as though it were breaking. Finally they had managed to

pack their little wagon with as many things as it would hold, and wrapping little Samuel in warm blankets they had set off through the night on their journey to unknown parts.

On February 4th, they had ferried across the river, led by President Brigham Young, and on the first night of encampment, Emma had given birth to Joseph named after his father, and their beloved Prophet.

It had been on a fine morning in June 1846 that an army captain had come, with a call for volunteers to fight in the war in Mexico. Joseph had gone off with the rest of the battalion, and Emma had been left with her two little sons.

Thoughts of her children brought her back to the present. Her breath caught suddenly in her throat, the child looked so still, and she could no longer hear his laboured breathing. Scrambling



up from her bunk, she fell at his side, and began weeping. The wagon flap lifted again, and the President was at her side.

A Miracle

"Is the boy worse Emma" he asked. "He's dead sir," she replied, and then she was sobbing her heart out on his broad shoulder. The President spoke again, "but you are mistaken Emma" he said, "for look, the boy still breathes." Emma raised incredulous eyes to his face, and then looked at her son. It was true, little Joseph was still breathing so peacefully that she had thought him dead. A miracle had happened! She turned back to the President, "I thank God sir" she cried, "and you." He smiled at her, and took her hand. "I came to bring you good news, a rider has just come in with the news that our battalion of men is on its way home, and should be here in another month or two. God willing, your husband should join you by the beginning of August." Emma could hardly believe her ears Oh God was good, and just

when everything had seemed blackest. Her prayers would be doubly thankful tonight.

The President spoke again "Emma, I want you to rest now, I shall be leaving in the morning along with a company of pioneers, but you should be quite safe in these Winter quarters, and I think perhaps, that we shall soon meet again in our own promised land, I feel it in my heart." "May God go with you sir" she said, and he smiled warmly at her. When he had gone, Emma sat down on the bunk. The wagon flap opened as her son Samuel came in. "Mother, how is little Joe" he said. "He is going to be alright" his mother replied, "and soon your father will be with us again. Little Samuel danced with joy when she told him the news, and from outside they could hear the strains of the band playing "Come, Come, Ye Saints" at the end of another day. "Sing to me mother" said little Samuel, and softly in time to the band, his mother began to sing.



THE GLORY OF THE (Celestial) BODY

(1st Corinthians 15, 40)

I have a body
Yea, one that is but dust
And if I rightly use it,
And never do abuse it,
It puts in me a trust.
So use it right I must

I have a body,
One that often suffers pain,
And tires very quickly,
And e'er becomes so sickly
And then gets right as rain,
And is made whole again.

I will have a body,
A body celestial in glory.
Where pain and sin shall be no more,
And no more crying on that shore.
Ah! What a different story,
'Twill be when I reach Glory!

By Sister Alice Renwick,
Catford Branch, London Stake



Sisters Around The World

They grow—scattered between the tares—sown in the field;
Surrounded by thorns that choke the ones that bear no fruit;
But they stand strong—and the Reaper harvests hundredfold;
And binds and casts, the thistles in the fire.

They are sisters—in thought in not in blood,
United by the silver cord of love;
They keep alive the flame of truth and hope;
Preparing for His triumphant second coming.

Whatever their race, kind, creed, or colour—
They live with one mind—one aim in life—
To be gathered into the Creator's barn.

Whether they live on the frozen Arctic plain,
Where the land lies steeped in frosty light,
And the caribou, sore-footed, plod southward in the fall,
And the bold, steppe flower braves the icy wind.
Or wheather they live in a land where the glaring sun
Beats down on the dry hard earth,
Where the wild beast thunders northward
And sends the dust high into the air,
And the Lion, who once ruled the burning plain,
Wait~~s~~ at the waterhole . . .

Whether they live admidst warfare, strife, and death,
Where a war-torn town is gutted and utters its last breath,
Or whether they live where the wolf plays with the child,
And the scorpion's sting is lost . . .
They are sisters together.

Helen Fenton (15 years)
Wellington Branch
Central British Mission





Directors and staff members of the Millennial Star at the recent board meeting held with Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve; seated right, in London. From left, front, Gwen Cannon, Pres. Dougald McKeown, Pres. Joseph Hamstead, London Stake; Muriel Cuthbert and Elder Cullimore. Standing, Pres. Frederick W. Oates, Sunderland Stake; Bill Brown-Lee, Pres. Dennis Livesey, Leeds Stake and Alfred E. Haslem, managing director of Target Press, Ltd. printers of the Millennial Star, photo by Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor.

Understand

When a child is disobedient
And you've got to stay your hand,
Take a look into his home life,
Try to understand.

If your friend today seems moody
You must help him if you can,
Don't criticise or argue,
Try to understand.

When trials come upon you
And nothing goes as planned,
God will have his reasons,
Try to understand.

Then happiness is greater,
Peace can take its stand,
The world is seen through better eyes
When you understand.

By Patricia McElderry



William Skea Honoured on 21st Birthday

★ William Gill Skea celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary on 23rd January at a supper and a dance by his parents and members of the Carlisle Branch. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

He was presented a Bible by his father and a travelling clock and a book by Pres. Ramsbottom on behalf of the branch members.

Bill is a Sunday School teacher and second counsellor in the branch presidency.

Elder Millar was also honoured at the same time and presented with a cake for his 21st birthday which he celebrated on 18th January.

Pen Pals Wanted

★ Several Latter-day Saint children in Belgium of various ages are desirous of being pen-pals to English LDS children, some with a view to an eventual holiday exchange.

Any English children interested may send their letters to:

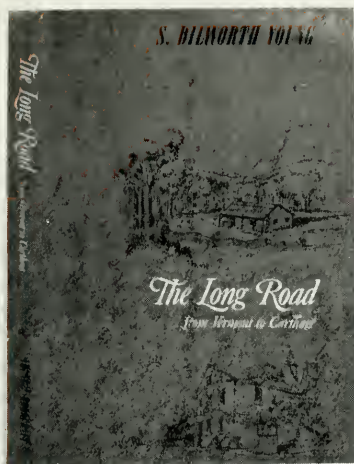
Lynne Kellett
438 Chisee d'Alseberg,
Brusselles 18,
Belgium (Belgique)

Lynne will pass the letters along to the interested children. She says that children and people are very interested to know how the Church is doing in Britain.

Lynne is a missionary in Belgium, having been called from the Cardiff Branch. She has been in the mission field 20 months.



Members of the Relief Society in the Luton Ward, London Stake, at their recent banquet. Jill McMullen, centre, is president. Several priesthood members served the meal in appreciation of the many fine services of the sisters.



The Long Road
. . . from Vermont to Carthage

By S. Dilworth Young

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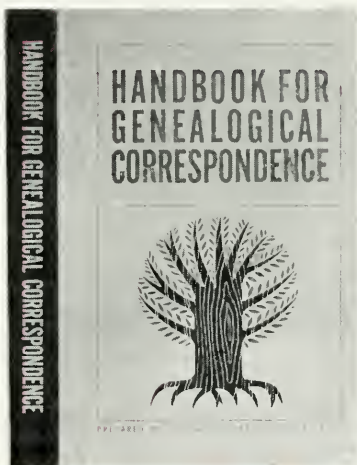
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Feminine Flavoured Church History

By Kenneth W. Godfrey

★ Probably because our Church is priesthood centered, many good teachers forget the great women who have had an impact on Latter-day Saint history. It is true that the prophets have had the greatest effect on the Church and its members, but quiet, selfless mothers exert a profound influence through the home. It is difficult to imagine Joseph F. Smith becoming an apostle without a mother like Mary Fielding, or Heber

J. Grant attaining his prophetic calling without the training he received in the home from a devoted widowed mother. Joseph Smith's mother was among the first to believe his account of the First Vision, which must have been a great comfort to a boy of 14.

When Church leaders are selected, as much attention is frequently given to the kind of wife the man has as to his own great qualities. Thus it becomes

important for every teacher of Church history to stress the profound impact great Mormon mothers and wives have had on the Church and its leaders.

Many Latter-day Saints have given up fame, fortune, and security for the Church. Orson Spencer's wife, a college graduate, was cut off from former associations with prominent friends when she publicly avowed Mormonism. Her parents became so embittered that they refused her admission into their home and advised her that they did not care to correspond with her again.

Then came the year 1846, a year of great decisions. Latter-day Saints had to leave fine homes and productive farms and begin journeying a thousands miles to wrest a new home from a reluctant wilderness. Sister Spencer became seriously ill and was confined to bed in a covered wagon. After five days of rain and sleet while camping at Sugar Creek, she became much worse.

The fifth night the storm increased in its severity. Little streams of water trickled through the holes in the canvas stretched over the wagon, and kind friends held milk pans over the sick wife to catch the water and keep her from being drenched.

Strong Terms

The next morning a messenger arrived in camp from Nauvoo, carrying a letter for Orson Spencer. Previously Elder Spencer had written to his wife's parents to inform them of her ill health and requested that she be allowed to stay with them until she recovered. The letter brought by the messenger contained their answer. There in the cold, the mud, the barrenness, and in awful sickness, his wife heard their reply. They said she might be welcomed back if she would denounce her faith. Should she refuse, there was no place for her in their home.

Sister Spencer listened to the letter

but murmured not a word. As her husband completed it, she turned to him and in a very weak voice asked him to get his Bible and read to her from the sixteenth verse of the first chapter of Ruth. Complying, he read, "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for wither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

As he ceased reading, a calm, peaceful smile spread over the lovely, refined face of his wife. Her eyelids drooped and closed in sweet, peaceful sleep. She was dead. But her faith helped Elder Spencer, and retelling the story can help many young Latter-day Saints as they make momentous decisions of their own in a twentieth century world.

Zina D. Huntington Young, for many years president of the Relief Society of the Church, was said to be a perfect example of the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 13; yet, with all her tenderness and exquisite delicacy of motive and act, there was a sturdy strength about her character. It is related of her that on one occasion she was told that a certain woman did not like her, whereupon she replied, "Well, I love her, and she can't help herself."

Joseph Smith's Maid

Another courageous Mormon woman was Aunt Jane James, Joseph Smith's maid. Upon hearing of the Prophet's death, she declared she wanted to die too. But the block teachers told her that the Prophet would want her to live. With this assurance she journeyed to Salt Lake City and became a respected woman in the community. In fact, the leading authorities of the Church built a special chair for her, lined with red velvet, and placed it on the stand so that she could be in a conspicuous place at all conferences. Her love for

the Prophet knew no bounds, and she frequently remarked that he was the best man with whom she had ever been associated.

In Salt Lake Valley, women continued to play an important role in Mormon life. Leah Ivins Cardon, daughter of Anthony W. Ivins, tells an incident that happened while she lived in Mexico with her parents. She relates that the most thrilling story of her childhood involved a young girl who stood on a bed of coals without a murmur until her feet burned black and curled up under her, rather than betray her boyfriend into the hands of the Mexican army.

She also relates how her Aunt Maggie Bentley took a little baby and his four brothers and sisters into her home and heart following the death of their mother, "Aunt Gladys." Instead of six in the family, she now had 11. Two months later she rode up the steep dugway to the top of the hill, her own little son in a tiny white box beside her. In her arms was Aunt Gladys' baby.

Remained Faithful

George Q. Cannon's wife preserved the body of her firstborn son so he could be brought back from San Francisco for burial in Zion. Then, while en route to Salt Lake City, her second child, who was only a baby, died. Both children were brought to the valley and tearfully buried. Yet her faith remained secure, and she lived to bear other children and raise a fine family.

Elizabeth I. Pulsipher, who crossed the plains when she was 12 years old, recounted her experiences as follow:

"We went up the Missouri River to Fort Leavenworth, where we met the ox teams. I do not remember how many days we traveled before Mother was run over. She was leaning out of

the wagon to call father to come take the baby, as the driver wanted her to walk, when her feet slipped and she was run over and severely injured. We traveled on four days after she was hurt. Arriving at Fort Laramie, they placed mother in an old log house, which had no doors or windows. There I was left with a helpless mother, a sick baby, and all the children to take care of. There were seven in the family. Though only twelve years old, I was up nearly every night with the sick baby. Father had to work at the Fort for our bread. . .

"I am sure, however, that the Lord was with us and blessed us."

Several Gentiles tried to persuade her father to abandon his effort to gather to Zion and to go back to Omaha with them. The night before they were to leave, Mother Pulsipher had a dream, or vision, in which a man came and stood by her bed and told her not to go back, but to go to Zion.

Ox Train Arrived

He told the mother that there would be two ox trains the next day, and one of them would take the entire family to Salt Lake City.

The next day when the wagon came to take the family back to Omaha, the mother emphatically declared that she would not go. The first ox train arrived but was too loaded to take the family with them. The captain of the second told the father the same thing. All the mother said was, "We're going."

Finally a wagon returned and the stricken family departed for their home in the mountains. The mother was still so sick from her injuries that it was difficult to travel. Elizabeth was required to hold her little sister, who was extremely ill, and on the third day the

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child died. Washing the dead body, clothing it, and sewing it into cloth, because there was no coffin in which to bury the lifeless body, were the tasks of Elizabeth, not yet in her teens. The mother walked for the first time since her accident, to the small grave, and following the funeral she continued walking the rest of the way to the valley.

Another interesting insight into our history concerns the difficulties of Mary Fielding Smith after the death of her husband, Hyrum Smith, and the departure of the saints for the Great Basin. One day her son Joseph F. Smith, who was just a boy, sat in the upper chamber of their Nauvoo home into which ran the pipe of the sitting room stove below, thus making it possible to hear distinctly the voices of those in the sitting room.

The boy knew that his brother John had left secretly, or at least quietly, with the first refugees in the company of Brother Heber C. Kimball. He also knew that his mother would follow with her little family sooner or later. But he was startled to hear the voice of his uncle William Smith lifted in anger with his beloved mother for permitting John to be spirited away.

Voice Startled Him

The boy heard his uncle demand the return of the patriarch's son; and as the mother quietly and firmly refused, he became abusive in his language, and the boy longed for maturity in order that he might defend his helpless mother. Still, Mary Fielding Smith remained firm and unshaken in her allegiance to the gospel and accepted without question the succession of the Twelve to the leadership of the Church.

Mary Ann Stearners Pratt reported

that while living in Kirtland, Ohio, she was shown the Egyptian mummies. "When I saw them," she said, "they frightened me very much—they were dark in colour, and hard as metal, and the cloth they were wrapped in was petrified like the bodies."

Sister Pratt also stated that congregational singing was the favourite part of the Sabbath day worship for her as a little girl. Such songs as "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning," "Now Let Us Rejoice," "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," "Redeemer of Israel," were as familiar to her as "her daily breath" and were sung from the heart.

Gifted Women

Speaking of music, the greatest singer in Nauvoo was Susan Devine, and one of the most famous Mormon writers of hymns was Eliza R. Snow, an extremely gifted woman.

Among Church singers, Emma Lucy Gates was supreme. Of international fame, her talent placed her among the greatest sopranos this world has produced. With a range of over three octaves, her silver notes were as true and as "free as a caroling bird's." Miss Gates had the distinction of being the first Utah singer who attained to grand opera. She was the prima donna of the Berlin and Cassell Royal opera houses.

Among women instrumentalists who achieved places of distinction were Sybella Clayton, pianist, and Romania Hyde, violinist. Sister Clayton studied in Germany and was said to have almost a masculine touch on the piano, combined with a delicacy of expression that was at the time almost unsurpassable.

This list, of course, only scratches the surface of great Mormon women musicians.

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Role In Church History

Women have also played their role in Mormon history in terms of the theatrical arts. Such women as Edith Clawson, Lottie Claridge, and Birdie Cummings, through their magnificent portrayals, brightened many a cold winter evening for residents of Salt Lake City. And Mormons turned out en masse to watch such famous actresses as Julia Dean Hayne, for whom Brigham Young had a special sleigh built, which required six horses to draw. The famous Maude Adams stole not only many scenes but also the hearts of Salt Lakers with her delicate and sentimental performances in the old Salt Lake Theatre.

It becomes apparent that the teacher who remembers the role of women in

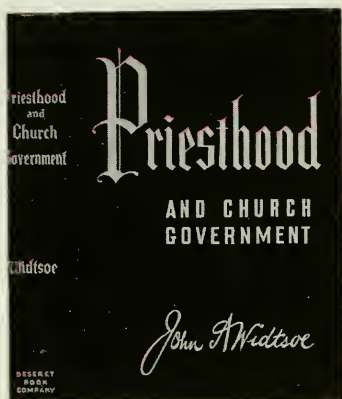
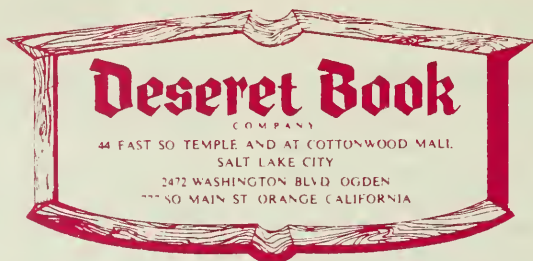
the progress of the Church can enliven his lessons by viewing its history through their eyes.

It becomes easy to identify with our pioneer women as we hear of willing sacrifices they made for the gospel's sake. We can see great enduring faith in the Saviour. We can visualize death, sorrow, and loneliness that were met, conquered, and faced again because of a devotion to a cause these women knew was true. We can capture a glimpse into the happiness of a pioneer dance after a hard day in the fields, the joy of a new birth, the happiness and sorrow of a departing missionary son or father.

And when we are through and the lesson is taught, we find that our own life has changed and we too have greater faith and determination.

★ "The challenge is before us; we cannot fail in the divine commitments given to us as a people. Unity of purpose, with all working in harmony within the structure of Church organizations as revealed by the Lord, is to be our objective. Let each member, teacher, and leader feel the importance of the position that each one holds. All are important to the successful accomplishment of God's work, which is our work."

—President David O. McKay



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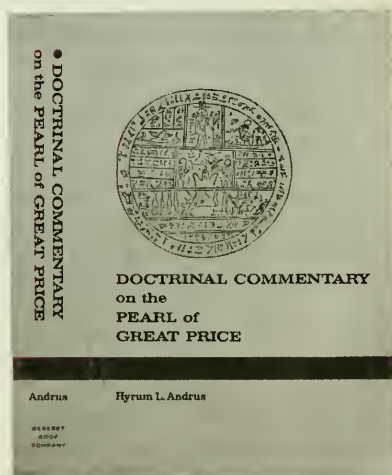
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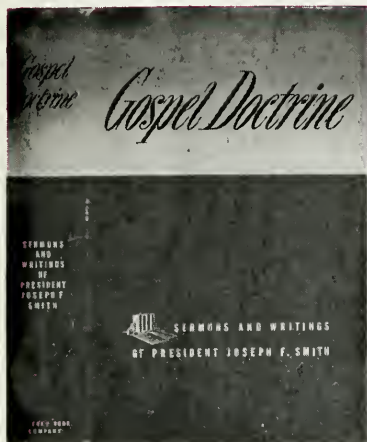
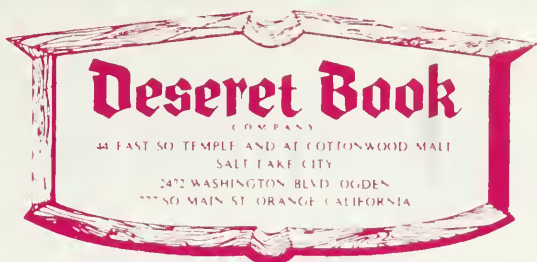
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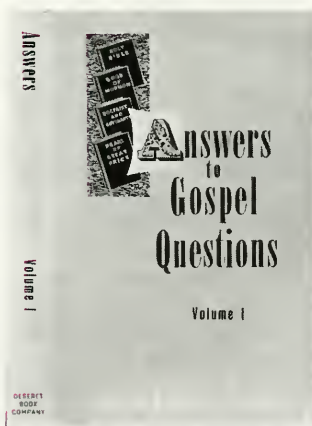
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THE VITALITY OF MORMONISM

★ The following article was written as part of an effort to create better relations with institutions of higher education in London. This article was written by Elder Line J. Larsen and Elder Joseph L. Platt, for the University of London and appeared in the student paper, Jan. 16, 1968.

★ Upon examining the various denominations of the Christian world, the observer comes up against one that is decidedly different. In the face of this apathy over religion, there comes to the front, an organisation known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sometimes referred to as the Mormon Church. Membership in this church has tripled in the last fifteen years. A rate of expansion in strong contrast to the negative direction of most other denominations. There are many who are not aware of the precepts of this religion and for that purpose this article has been written.

The Mormon Church is a world-wide organisation consisting of nearly three million members. One of the outstanding characteristics of this church is the activity of its members. Nearly all active Mormons hold a position of responsibility within their church. Mor-

monism teaches that true growth and development comes from service, not from mere observation. Among all the positions in the church, from Sunday School teacher to First Presidency, no one receives material remuneration for their efforts.

Lose Faith

Statistics show that a high number of students lose faith in God during university years. Among Mormon students the opposite is true. A close study reveals that most of their students leave university with a stronger faith in God.

One of the more remarkable features of the church is its welfare programme. Each year the church spends over a million pounds to help its needy members. All parishes have a complete system of production, distribution, and management.

It is not uncommon for a parish to own and operate its own dairy, ranch, lumber mill, farm, or factory. All the necessary labour from start to finish is donated free of charge by the members of the parishes. Production from parish to parish is determined to meet

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the needs of the church as a whole. Any member in financial trouble can expect help from the church. The Mormon Church teaches very strongly against idleness and for this reason those who for one reason or another are unemployed, if able, are required to work for what they receive. Many physically disabled persons are also employed in church-run projects, as work boosts morale and gives the individual a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Something To Offer

The Mormon people feel that they definitely have something of worth to offer their fellow-men. For this reason each year some 12,000 young people temporarily leave their homes and schools for an average period of two years to explain the beliefs that they enjoy to others. Surprisingly enough none of this number are actually training for the ministry, but are just ordinary individuals of all types.

The Mormon Church accepts very literally the Bible as the revealed Word of God. They also affirm that Christ during His mortal ministry established a definite organisation, with definite rules, instructions, and authority. They firmly teach that following the death of the apostles in fulfilment of inspired Scriptures, the Church of Jesus Christ

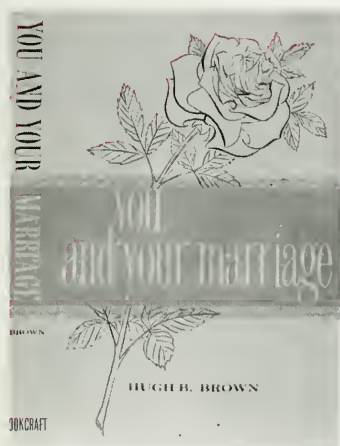
collapsed and degenerated to an earthly body completely out of touch with the heavens. They accept the reformers as honest and sincere men who were trying to do their best, but feel as the reformers themselves indicated, that they did not have the authority of themselves to bring back the Church with its subsequent authority.

Unique

The message of the Mormons is unique in its claims that the Church of Jesus Christ was restored under the direction of Jesus Christ in 1830 with the help of a modern-day prophet named Joseph Smith. The church declares that the restoration of the Gospel included the same doctrines, spiritual gifts, organisations, and authority as that of the primitive Church.

Eduard Meyer, a noted archaeologist and theologian, after spending one year of his precious time in Utah studying the Mormons, had this to say about them: "A striking and irrefutable parallelism supports Mormon claims to revelation, with perfect right they identify themselves with the apostolic church of old. The similarity extends to the faults as well as the virtues of the prophet Joseph Smith and his followers. They may be matched with the faults and virtues of the ancient prophets and the ancient Church."





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by Hugh B. Brown

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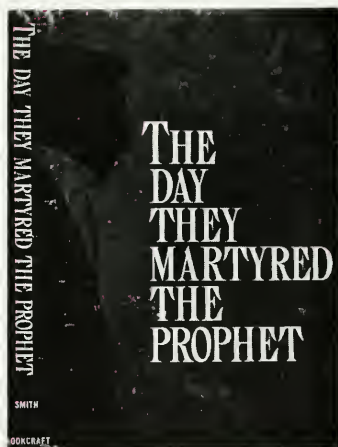
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By Henry A. Smith

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chester Stake
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the London Temple:

Temple sessions on Tuesdays are
now held at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. for
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A photograph of the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. The temple is a large, ornate building with many spires and arches. In the foreground, there is a statue of Joseph Smith, who is standing and holding a book. The image is in black and white.

Every man lives for himself. Adam was made to open the way of the world, and for dressing the garden. Noah was born to save seed of everything, when the earth was washed of its wickedness by the flood; and the Son of God came into the world to redeem it from the fall. But except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. This eternal truth settles the question of all men's religion. A man may be saved, after judgment, in the terrestrial kingdom, or in the telestial kingdom, but he can never see the celestial kingdom of God, without being born of water and the Spirit.

—Joseph Smith

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'National Costume'

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After the Storm

Fan-tailed feathers
Whisk across the sky,
And larger clouds are looming
The storm is drawing nigh.

Trees are bending backwards
Imploring birds who search,
Who hurl themselves like cannon-balls
Upon their limbs to pearch.

The storm is gone,
The March winds die . . .
Give way to April showers sweet,
And little birds and flowers play
In verdant pastures
Now it's May!

The sun in all his glory shines.
A rainbow decks the changing sky.
So shall our life be richer
When all storms have passed it by.

Sylvia Neale
Northampton Branch

A blue-tinted photograph of a park. In the foreground, there are trees with sparse leaves. In the background, a large building with a dome is visible through the trees. The text "Spring The Opportunity Time" is overlaid in the center.

Spring The Opportunity Time

FAITH IN A

"History Teaches; Alas It Has No Pupils"

by Elder Marion D. Hanks

formerly President of the British Mission

★ There is no reason to be surprised or critical that many people these days look with considerable apprehension to the future. They wonder what value there is in preparing for a time ahead which seems so unpromising, or of living life according to high standards which a great segment of human kind rejects either in principle or practice or both.

Suffice it to say that it has always been so. Substantially every generation of man has looked to an uncertain future amidst contemporary threatenings and confusion.

It was only a few years ago that multitudes of young people were immersed in what was the greatest threat to world-wide civilization that history had known. An evil genius in Germany pro-

FUTURE

duced a war machine that threatened to engulf civilization and that attracted other dictators of lesser ability to join the onslaught. The potential for total destruction of humanity was less real than it is in today's era of unbelievably powerful nuclear weapons, but the wide scope of the conflict then engaged most available young men and touched substantially everyone in some way in most of the nations of the earth.

But World War II ended. Troops disbanded, the dead and the maimed were buried or cared for, many of them and their sacrifices to be forgotten by all but those most intimately imposed upon by the tragedies. Most of the combatants and their supporting forces came home to resume life and to attempt to restore normalcy.

Among those returning were many who had burned bridges when they departed—only to discover that life does go on and that memory persists and that decisions made must be accounted for in results and effects. Some had thrown over the traces and gone against rules and standards which seemed too restrictive in the face of an unknown future. They had wanted to taste life and had tried, only to discover, like the prodigal son, that they had wasted an inheritance of great meaning for experience that left them on an animal plane. The solid majority took up the



challenge at home where they had left it, moving on to lives of substance and strength.

Youth today has a future. It does not seem a promising future, on the face of it, and it certainly will not be an easy future for those who are unable or unprepared or unwilling to meet the tests. For those who are it will be an exciting future, no doubt the most significant time to live in all the history of mankind. It will be a true watershed of history, with knowledge and the power to bless and to create pouring forth for the use of those who are ready to make the most of them.

The WIDE Horizons

By Derek Dixon

★ While civilization spreads abroad and luxuries become necessities for a greater part of the human race, the youth of the nations pine. They long for wide horizons and noble causes. But who shall blow a trumpet for them and hand to them a standard to be planted on the distant hills? The great mountains of the earth have all been climbed and islands and continents that once were full of mystery and strangeness have become the tramping ground of every second-class tourist.

As for the sea, the Drakes of the present era have taken to sailing smaller boats that don't need any crew; and outer space gives opportunity to only a few Columbuses. The result? Frustration!

And yet never has the world stood in greater need of the sort of men and women who opened up the continents and mastered the seas. And the world still needs its Luthers and Riddleys too. For those who have the desire, the courage and the faith, opportunities lie like manna on the ground—opportunities sufficient to satisfy all the inward

powers of the spirit and bring to fullest fruit the divine potential locked in all men.

And for those who have eyes to see the greatest opportunities of all lie within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When a man seeks to establish a name for himself and peace in the earth by growing a wretched beard, and long, lank, dirty hair; and by curious acts of civil disobedience, his name will not endure beyond the morning. But let him seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion by humble submission to all that the Lord requires, and his name will be held in honourable remembrance from one generation to the next.

For in the days that Jesus Christ walked the shores of Galilee, there were many groups, sects and societies in the land, all seeking to gain their ends and justify themselves by acts of violence and civil disobedience. But where are they now? Blown away like cornshucks in the wind! And what of the Nazarene who walked the quiet way

Directed To Youth

His Father marked out before Him? There is scarcely a man that lives who has not heard His name; and as for His followers: we give their names to our children. And it was these men, walking the quiet way, who changed the world in many respects; for the world is not changed by militant masses and groups, but by courageous individuals who are willing to live and die for the truth—men and women who grasp the opportunity presented to them to live the truth.

We may not all of us be Apostles but the opportunity to be like these men of old and modern times is ours. We are in the same Church; the message is the same. We may think we are small and of no consequence, but the men who followed Jesus Christ were not born kings; they were all of the humblest origins and occupations. So, while acquiring humility, let us cast away any feelings we may have of inferiority.

Each one of us is full of the seeds of divine gifts. The Church is the perfect garden in which to bring these seeds to flower. Its organization is the most fertile place in the world for seeds to spring up. And there is a place for all. In fact, for those who have eyes to see, there is a "Wanted" notice stretched in blazing suns across the sky that reads:

WANTED! Young men and women willing to live and die for the truth.

WANTED! Young men and women not afraid to speak out against and eschew the permissive morality of the times.

WANTED! Young men and women concerned with Gospel scholarship who can defend and protect the Lord's people against the destructive impositions and false assumptions of the present age.

WANTED! Young men and women who love liberty more than life.

WANTED! Young men and women who do not sit and passively wait for life to come to them, but who are up and doing all that their hands find to do, whether it be scrubbing a floor or building an empire.

WANTED! Young men and women truly determined to walk and talk with God, so that He can use them as beacons upon high hills to warn and guide the nations.

WANTED! Young men and women to bear off the Kingdom of God triumphant!

O, the opportunities for growth within the Church are a multitude! For the least assignment in the Church, if rightly understood, is a door to greater opportunities, so long as it be magnified. To those who feel every assignment is a burden and perform it grudgingly the task becomes a closed door leading nowhere; but to those who look upon every assignment as a joy and perform it with all their heart, every task is an open door with steps beyond leading onward and upward. And in addition we would say that the man does not live who has fully grasped the potential of the Priesthood laid upon him or who has magnified it to even an infinitesimal part of its true power. Let him pursue just that one end and he shall find himself a lifetime's work.

So we say to the young men and women of the Church: Bring your courage and integrity and your noblest desires; for here is work to match your finest qualities. Here are standards to be planted and deeds to be done. And their fruits will reach beyond the darkness of the night that creeps across the nations and ripen fully in that great morning when the Master says, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord.

Opportunities In Seeking Education

by Ronald Asher

Manchester Ward Manchester Stake

★ It is a great privilege to me to have been asked to write this article. I have been very fortunate in my education. I have had wonderful opportunities.

I started school at the age of five and at the age of eleven entered a Secondary Bilsteral School. In 1962 I passed seven subjects at ordinary level in the General Certificate of Education. I was then able to enter the sixth form of the local grammar school.

I obtained Advanced Level G.C.E. passes in mathematics, physics and chemistry. In October of 1964 I began a de-

gree course in chemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. I was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science on July 12th 1967. I am now engaged in research work at Manchester which I hope will lead to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

During my time at university, I have met many interesting people. I have made friends of several nationalities. There are a considerable number of overseas students in most universities. Manchester offers much in social and

recreational facilities. We have a large sports centre, several playing fields. Many sports are played. There are clubs and societies covering a wide spectrum of interests such as a Tiddleywinks Club and a Debating Society.

There are very long vacations at Manchester. They amount to almost six months of the year. There are arrangements for cheap foreign travel for those who so desire. I had far more free time as an undergraduate than I had previously or am likely to have in the future.

We are most fortunate in this country to receive financial support from public authorities. I was able to keep myself with the maintenance award and a little extra I earned during the long summer vacation.

A person who has two 'A' level passes qualifies for a Major Award for the appropriate local authority. This is a maintenance award of £340, plus tuition fees. Similar arrangements exist for Teacher Training Colleges.

The entrance requirement for a university is four 'O' level and two 'A' level G.C.E. passes (minimum) with certain subjects specified, usually a foreign language at 'O' level is one of these.

For a Teacher Training College five 'O' levels are required with one 'A' level in some specialist courses. A university degree is required to teach in a grammar school.

Besides a full time course there are various other routes to a degree. For example, a degree can be taken part time, with evening study and possibly day release. Personally, I feel this is too much to tackle. The first year especially is a tremendous strain even with full time study. The pass rate in the final

exams for graduate membership of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, a first degree equivalent, is less than five per cent for part-time students.

Another type of course is the sandwich course. This usually takes four years, each of two terms, as opposed to the three years with three terms in each in a full-time course. As a result, the sandwich course is more intense. There are also six months in each year spent in industry. The total holidays amount to about four weeks.

Both of these latter two types of course have one advantage: the student is in a better financial position. The decision to be made on which type of course to follow is really whether it is better to have more money or longer holidays.

There are ample opportunities for evening study for everyone today. Most craft apprenticeships are coupled with evening study in the relevant subjects. There is more adult education than there has ever been, too. Subjects are not just academic ones. There are courses on car maintenance, flower arranging and other practical subjects.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE! IT IS UP TO **YOU** TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM.

Personal History

Ronald Asher was born May 26th, 1946 at Bulwell, Nottingham. His parents were baptised at Derby in 1950 and have been members of the Nottingham Ward since then. Ronald was baptised a member of the Church at the age of eight. His sister, born in 1951, is also a member. At present Ronald is an Elder's Group Leader and a Stake Missionary.

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Importance of Education

By Bishop John H. Vandenberg
Presiding Bishop

★ "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth." These are the words of the ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, as he took note of the vital position occupied by education in his time.

We need only to pause briefly and look to the great men who have influenced history to conclude, as did Aristotle, that education is the key to achievement. Whether we look at the Christ in His youth with the elders in the temple, or Moses in the royal courts where he "learned the wisdom of the Egyptians" or Paul who sought

learning at the "feet of Gamaliel," we see the importance of education being underlined.

There is one product of education that has assumed greater importance today than ever before in history. We're speaking, of course, of the need for education in order to provide for the economic well-being of your future family.

Education Important

In referring to this facet of education, President McKay has said: "Students enter school primarily to gain economic or social advantage. But this aim is not always achieved, nor is it, nor should it be, the highest purpose

of education. However, we must not underestimate the value of obtaining an education for a livelihood. Education for economic advancement is a good investment for the individual as well as for the state." (Gospel Ideals, p. 429.)

Education, in this age of technology, has become a prerequisite for the greatest percentage of employment opportunities. Jobs that previously required only a strong back have now been replaced by machinery.

Many high school graduates have come to face the harsh reality that in order to obtain a job with which they would be satisfied, they will need additional vocational or professional training. In consequence of this situation, the First Presidency issued this counsel: "The Church has long encouraged its members, and especially its youth, either to obtain a college education or to become well trained in some vocation in a trade school. The jobs that require no education or training are decreasing from year to year and soon will be practically non-existent. We therefore strongly suggest that . . . all young people . . . engage informal study of some kind beyond high school."

Train Yourself Well

Young people, it is well that you take note of this situation and incorporate post-high school training into your plans. The dividends will be far more than just economic, for without further training you will be relegated to mundane, routine tasks at best, and periods of unemployment as the rule. Sylvia Porter, writer of a nationally syndicated column on business finance, in referring to the need for young people to be trained, said that in consequence of not

being trained, " . . . you will so handicap yourself that through all the years ahead, you will be either in the low-paying industries or submarginal factories or in the dulllest of occupations, and periodically you'll be in the ranks of the unemployed. This is not preaching. . . . This is certainty."

Why seek additional vocational and professional education? The answer is, at least economically, obvious. But as President McKay said, this shouldn't be "the highest purpose of education."

What, then, are some of the greater purposes of education? To quote President McKay again, he said: "Character is the aim of true education; and science, history, and literature are but means used to accomplish this desired end." The Lord mentioned a similar aim of education in a revelation to the Prophet Joseph when He stated: "And I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom."

'Teach Diligently'

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand;

"Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must come shortly to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms.

Education

"That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you." (D&C 88: 77-80.)

So with the words of the Lord, the study of history, math, English, and so forth, takes on additional meaning for Latter-day Saint youth. The Lord expects you to be well educated so that you will magnify your missions and callings in the building up of His kingdom.

Apply Knowledge

But you will not be able to realize the intent of the Lord by merely gaining knowledge; there is an additional dimension that must be considered. President McKay stresses this additional dimension in these words: "But gaining knowledge in one thing, and applying it is quite another. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge . . . to the development of a noble and godlike character. A man may

possess a profound knowledge of history and of mathematics; he may be (an) authority in psychology, biology, or astronomy; he may know all (about whatever has been discovered) pertaining to general and natural science; but if he has not with this knowledge that nobility of soul which prompts him to deal justly with his fellow men, to practice virtue and holiness in personal life, he is not a truly educated man." (Gospel Ideals, p. 440.)

Thus, education is that element which, if handled properly, can, when added to our lives, provide the sweetest of joy—the gaining of which, as the Prophet Lehi stated, is the purpose of man's experience in mortality.

Young men of the Aaronic Priesthood and young women, pursue your education— ". . . get wisdom." It makes sense economically, and true education is a spiritual necessity. And to paraphrase Aristotle, the fate of the kingdom of God depends on "true" education of the youth of the Church.

★ Some people are waiting for opportunity to break the door down and come in.

★ Many times we make our own opportunities. Some would say its like being in the right place at the right time.

OPPORTUNITIES AS A PARENT

by Margaret Porter

Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake



★ My husband and I joined the Church eighteen years ago and have had the opportunity of seeing our four children grow up in the Church. We have taught them the true principles of the Gospel and also tried to be an example to them. I have taught in Primary and Sunday School for over ten years, and the lessons I gave there have helped me in teaching my family. I have always had faith in praying to my Heavenly Father, and have stressed this to my children and taught them to pray always. We are close as a family and know that "a family that prays together, stays together."

Our life has not been smooth all the time, but through our faith and prayers, we get by. One of my greatest blessings is my health and strength, and the will to carry on, especially when things

Women's Section

do not work out the way we want them to.

Being in the Church makes a difference to one's life and we are greatly blessed as a family. We are now beginning to see the results of our years of teaching. Our eldest daughter, Valerie, provided one of our most sacred blessings when she was married in the London Temple. She now has two little daughters of her own, and is, I think, a model mother, teaching again, by example. Valerie holds the position of Junior Sunday School Co-ordinator, while my other daughter, Susan, is secretary of the Senior Sunday School.

Our son, Brian, is a deacon and our youngest child Paul just loves going to Church. As I have mentioned before, it does reflect on your children when you bring them up in the Gospel. Susan is planning to be married shortly, and her desire is to be married in the

Temple, and once more I am grateful that she feels this way.

I know it is a great opportunity and responsibility to be a parent. We are entrusted with children to bring them up to be righteous and to live good lives. However we as parents live, then our children will follow in our footsteps. It is so important that we set good examples. We hope and pray that all of our children will marry in the Temple, and be good members of the Church. If this wish comes true then our teachings will not have been in vain.

(Sister Porter is 2nd counsellor in the Branch Primary, and a teacher in Sunday School. Her husband, Albert Edward Porter, is Branch President of the recently organised Western Park Branch at Leicester. He has previously served as bishop of the Leicester Ward and on the Stake High Council.)

OUR PURPOSE

"Our purpose ... is to develop our bodies, to attempt perfection in them, so that the spirit which God grants the privilege of dwelling in this body of clay shall, in its development, be unhampered by physical imperfections."
—Antoine R. Ivins



RECIPES FOR YOU



★ The recipes this month come from some Relief Society sisters from Eastwood Ward, Leicester Stake.

BUFFALO SPONGE PUDDING

By Glenda Leach

4 oz. self-raising flour

2 oz. sugar

2 oz. margarine

1 egg

2 tble. milk

Directions:

Cream margarine and sugar in a warm basin. Stir in flower and beaten egg and milk alternately, a little at a time. Mix thoroughly. Mixture should be soft. Pour into a well-greased 7 inch sandwich cake tin. Smooth top level with a knife. Bake in a moderate oven (325°-350° — Mark 3-4) about 30 minutes. Cool. Top with Chocolate Cream.

CHOCOLATE CREAM

2 oz. margarine

2 oz. icing sugar

2 tsp. cocoa

Cream together thoroughly and spread on cake when cake is warm. Serve with custard.

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PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN PUDDING

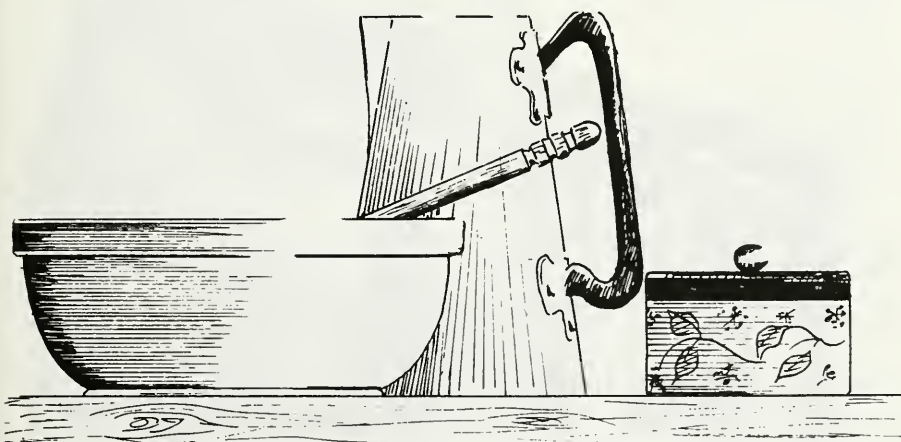
By Lillian Barner

Put pineapple rings in a baking dish with a little juice and sugar. Cover with your own sponge recipe mixture and cook in moderate oven 30 minutes. When baked, turn so that the pineapple is on top and serve with custard.

Helpful Hints

★ When measuring syrup, honey, jam or anything sticky, flour the scales first. The syrup slides off easily, saves washing up, scraping off and waste, too.

When straining oil after deep frying, line the strainer with paper toweling. After straining, lift out the paper (laden with impurities) and wash the sieve easily.



Opportunities For Service



Josephine W. Overton

**Central British Mission Primary
President**

★ My husband, two sons, Peter and Paul, and I joined the Mormon Church 15 years ago. Three years later, we had the blessing of a baby daughter whom we called Caroline.

My calling in the Church has been mainly with the Primaries, but I also

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help in the Relief Society. It was while helping in Relief Society that I realized what a wonderful opportunity, that we as a Church have for service to others, God and ourselves.

By helping others we grow in the Gospel.

My Mother was the first to show me that this is the only true way to lasting happiness. She was always helping someone less fortunate than herself. Even when I had taken her a plant or some flowers, when I walked down the street the next day they had appeared in someone else's window.

In the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, we are taught that "When ye are in the service of your fellow men, ye are in the service of your God." Not only the service of fellow members of the Church, but all worthy causes.

A Rev. Curcus once wrote, "The Mormon Church only looks after its own." I could not let him get away with that idea, so I wrote to him telling him how mistaken he was, that we did not publish what we did, as we know it is best our left hands should not know what our right hand is doing. I went on to tell him of some of the things that the members of the Peterborough branch were doing. In Oxfam, we have members on the committee arranging concerts, walks, fashion shows etc. Also, the Relief Society helps the Mentally Handicapped Association.

Have you ever had the privilege of helping at a Mentally Handicapped Christmas Party? I shall never forget

the first time they called on our Relief Society to help. It was one of the most sad, and yet rewarding experiences of my life. To see how devoted the Mothers are that look after these children year after year is remarkable. What joy they have of seeing their children enjoying themselves is plain to see. Each sister has said, when she goes home that she goes down on her knees to give thanksgivings for the blessing of her healthy children.

When we work together in the Church, we can achieve much, and our opportunities are great in the service that we as sisters, have towards our families.

Perhaps we are a part member family, or we have an aged parent who needs us, a brother or sister outside the Church who would like a visit.

We must not neglect these, but be perhaps more diligent than ever to their needs. We must always keep in mind, God's greatest gift to man is his free agency.

Serving others outside the Church helps us to be tolerant and helps us see an other man's point of view which is as precious to our Heavenly Father as our own.

The sisters of the Peterborough branch were thrilled when they presented the Mayor of Peterborough a cheque for £20 together with a Book of Mormon for his cancer appeal.

As our 13th article of Faith states: "If there is anything lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy we seek after these things."

Opportunities



In The Church

by Derek A. Cuthbert

★ Early in my Church life I learned the 'simple equation that one opportunity taken equals many blessings gained. This great Church to which we are privileged to belong, is truly a Church of opportunity and blessings.

I remember the day after being baptised in January 1951, I amazed myself

and my wife by asking the Branch President if I might speak in a Sacrament Meeting. I had never spoken before a group before, but having been enlightened by the missionary elders that in the Church the members "do everything," I just could not wait. The subject upon which I spoke was "Faith and

Opportunities

Works," and how my faith and testimony have grown over the intervening years as opportunities for service have presented themselves. "Be ye anxiously engaged in a good cause" soon became a watchword, and the Church quickly took its rightful place at the centre of all our family activities.

We are very proud and happy to be a Latter-day Saint Family, and having had nine fine healthy children, the opportunities for Church activity have been a great boon. I have always been impressed at the way the youngest children are encouraged in Sunday School and Primary to play their part. A prayer, a song, a playlet, a helping hand; so many ways in which our little ones can participate. As our children become involved in these programmes, they "Grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man," just as the boy Jesus did.

Before I even knew what the letters M.I.A. stood for, I was thrown in the deep end as Branch Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent. I soon learned they stood for Many Inspiring Activities. The opportunities are boundless, and the achievement programme of the Church can develop young people as no other programme can, spiritually, mentally, physically, socially.

Arts, Athletics and Administration combine to lead the youth into a wholesome, responsible, purposeful way of life. Opportunities and blessings come thick and fast, as we gain confidence and competence through righteous activity.

Recently my wife and I were asked to speak at a Stake M. Men/Gleaner gathering, to tell of our experiences in gaining the Master M Man and Golden Gleaner Awards. What a choice assign-



Derek A. Cuthbert

ment; to share with these eager young people the blessings which have come to us through taking the opportunities and accepting the challenges the Lord has prepared for us. We were both able to tell how the M.I.A. helped us to start writing pantomimes, one-act plays, roadshows, and magazine articles, and if we can, anybody can! This applies also to my inclusion in the M.I.A. choir, for this gave the opportunity to convince myself that perhaps I wasn't completely tone-deaf after all.

And how fortunate we are in the Church to be able to conduct meetings, prepare programmes and organise a variety of activities which only a few months or years ago we never dreamed we could. All of us have heard the new member say "I'll never be able to get up there and speak," or "Please don't ask me to give the opening prayer." The next week, they are right in the thick of it, and never look back.

As we become immersed in the wonderful world of Mormonism, we often tend to forget, what it has done for us, where we would have been without it, or where our children might have strayed without the Church standards to guide them, how we would otherwise have likely squandered time and tithing on material things. As it is we have laid up for ourselves treasures in heaven, acquired a more rounded personality, and become capable of speaking, interviewing, counselling participating and a host of other resultant blessings from the opportunities and training the Lord provides through His Church.

The aspect of leadership training came home to me particularly forcibly only a few days ago, when a business acquaintance mentioned that his company would shortly be sending him on a Management Training Course at an American University at a cost of well over £2,000. In the Church the management training available and opportunities for leadership which present themselves are there for all and are completely free. Let us consider the main essentials.

1. **Knowledge**—The Church programme encourages us to study and exercise our minds, and continually seek to add to our storehouse of knowledge and experience. The Glory of God is Intelligence.
2. **Human Relations**—The community life so typical of Mormonism with meetings and socials, firesides and seminars, and always something happening, helps us to understand and appreciate people, helps us get along with them and creates in us the desire both to give and to receive help.
3. **Enthusiasm**—The worst enemy anyone can have is apathy, and the best friend is enthusiasm. True faith, sin-

cere testimony create this enthusiasm, "Let your light shine forth," "Be illumined," "Warn your neighbour," "Brothers Keeper." Action on these will spring from enthusiasm, which will rub off on others, and this is necessary for good management and good leadership.

4. **Vision**—Have you ever been in a rut? Ever felt humdrum? These phrases should be foreign to the active Latter-day Saint, who knows what life is all about; and the purpose of it. With so much to do, so much to prepare for, so much to look forward to, the vision of the future unfolds before our eyes. The quality of vision is essential to be able to inspire and lead others.
5. **Humility**—To be humble is not to be weak, but to be teachable, prayerful, and reliant on the arm of the Lord to sustain us. The overbearing leader or manager will soon lose respect and effectiveness, when support and response come unwillingly and force replaces free agency.

The great Church leader and educator

Elder Adam S. Bennion summed up these five laws of leadership very succinctly as follows:

1. You gotta know you stuff.
2. You gotta understand people.
3. You gotta spread contagion.
4. You gotta see through today to tomorrow.
5. You gotta have help.

I am humbly grateful to be a Latter-day Saint, to be a member of the Lord's Church, the Church of Opportunity and Blessing. May we all recognise the great opportunities around us for leadership development, for the sharing of blessings and the building of the Lord's Kingdom.

Poetry Contest

Rules

Announced

★ The Millennial Star Poetry Contest closes August 15, 1968. Prizes will be awarded and winning poems will be published in the Millennial Star.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one poem may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The poem must not exceed fifty lines and should be typewritten, if possible. Where this cannot be done, it should be legibly written. Only one side of the paper is to be used. (A duplicate copy of the poem should be retained by contestants to ensure against loss.)
4. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the poem.
5. A signed statement is to accompany the poem submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the poem (state title) is the contestant's original work.
 - c. That it has never been published
 - d. That it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication.
 - e. That it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest is decided.

Using Our Talents – POETRY

By Gillian Brown-Lee

High Wycombe Branch, British South Mission

★ "Poetry is first a gift, then an art—both the gift and the art demand cultivation." We especially of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints know that whenever a talent is given we are expected to use and magnify that talent.

Can you write poetry? Most of us can, and elsewhere in this issue you will find the rules for the first poetry contest to be held by the Millennial Star. The natural talent of writing poetry can better be developed and made more pleasing by a basic knowledge of the metres and rules involved.

The framework on which poetry is built is called the metre: a system of regular stresses, so many to the line. This, to the poet, is what the warp is to the weaver; and into this warp the poet weaves what he has to say. The unit or group of syllables, the regular recurrence of which creates rhythm, is called the foot. There are four main

feet, as in the following examples:

Iambic

The boy/ stood on /the burn/ing deck./

Trochaic

Lead me/into/life et/ernal/

Dactylic

Praise to the/man who com/muned with
Jeh/ovah

Anapaestic

'Tis the voice/of the slugg/ard I hear/
him complain/

(denotes the unstressed syllables,
and — the stressed ones.)

The feet are grouped together in various numbers in order to form the lines of the poem.

The most common and most simple formation of lines and metre is that used by most children and beginners in writing verse. This is in iambic feet and is four lines of four, three, four and three feet respectively. This produces a slightly bouncy rhythm which can rapidly become boring.

And in/that town/a dog/was found/
As man/y dogs/there be/
Both mong/rel, pup/py, whelp/and
hound,/br/>And curs/of low/degree.

(Goldsmith: "Elegy on a Mad Dog")

To advance from this, the new poet
may try five iambic feet in a line as in
the following:

The hes/itat/ing rose/unfolds/a flower./
The young/birds test/their first/slight
fly/ing power./

The grass/grows long./the pansy fac/es
smile,/

And Natu/re seems/to feel/herself/on
trial./

This lengthening of line smooths out
the poem and makes it more restful in
effect.

It would be quite impossible to in-
clude all types of rhythm in a short
article—the variations are almost end-
less. The same applies to rhyme—one
can rhyme the first two lines and second

two lines, or first and third, and second
and fourth, or one needn't rhyme at
all.

If you have read this far, and you are
still interested, I would suggest that
firstly you try writing for yourself, and
then you acquire a good rhyming dic-
tionary to help in perfecting rhymes.
Then I would admonish you to read, and
read—any kind of poetry that appeals
to you. Then write again—and so on.

I can assure you that though you
may not ever write a sonnet or an
elegy, if you really desire to produce
poetry and you pray for guidance, you
will succeed.

A rough uncut diamond is a thing of
great beauty, but it becomes more
beautiful as it is cut and polished. In
the same way, an original thought set
down on paper is a unique jewel which
practice and study can polish.

I only hope that you gain as much
joy from practising as I do.

Dedication

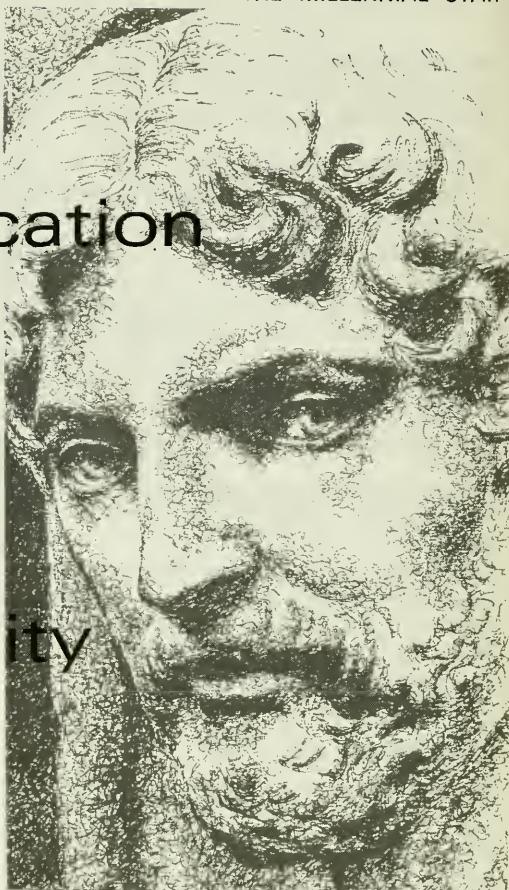
I took my pen, and tried in vain, to write,
But found the words would neither form nor flow,
My brush could not make colours live and glow,
Nor could my needle stitch a captive flight
Of swallows on the canvas. In this plight
My thoughts turned unto thee, I came to know
That on my own, my talents could not grow,
But rest forever dormant—out of sight.
I prayed to thee my Father, and I learned
Thy wondrous love and blessing was my staff,
My inspiration must be truly earned,
My talents should be used on thy behalf,
So, having found the goal for which I yearned,
I wrote my own eternal epitaph.

—Gillian G. Brown-Lee
High Wycombe Branch

Communication

With God

An Actuality



by Elder Spencer W. Kimball

★ We know little about interplanetary conversation between planets of the same order and development, but we know that such messages on a two-way circuit have been heard and understood by earth men and properly interpreted to dying civilizations throughout the ages, and this in line with the thought of the dying worlds and the living worlds and the aborning worlds.

The scriptures postulate that worlds have gone out of existence through

self-destruction, but other worlds have gone on unto perfection, and communication between the higher and the lower is not only possible, but is also an actuality. At the controlling centre of the universe in such a perfected world is God. He knows all things which could possibly affect us, and because of His experience in His creation of us in His image, He is eager that we become like Him—perfect. Accordingly, He has continued communication with us

Elder Kimball

through the millennia. Without plane or rocket, messengers have come.

Our surprise is greatest in the last conclusion made by the German astronomer when he expresses the belief that "the earth's young civilization is now approaching its first great crisis because of its new found powers of self destruction," and "man's best hope of avoiding disaster is to listen hard for radioed advice. Far out in starry space," he says, "perhaps is an old wise civilization that has survived many crises and is trying to warn the callow earth against the mistakes of its own youth." What an astute observation!

The Right Line

Yet for thousands of years our omniscient Heavenly Father from His old wise world has been trying to get His children to listen hard for such radioed advice and televised wisdom, but they were blind of eyes and dull of ears. They were not connected to the power line.

Handwritten messages of warning have come to wicked Belshazzars, who, with lords and ladies in ugly debauchery, drank wines from golden vessels stolen from holy temples, and empires collapsed, and while drunkenness and sensual indulgence were at their height, there "... came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

"Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." (Daniel 5:5-6.) This was a message from another world. Daniel interpreted the solemn warning. On another continent Aminadi "... interpreted the writing which was upon the



wall of the temple, which was written by the finger of God." (Alma 10:2.)

Another message written by the Lord on two sets of stone tables came from Mt. Sinai, "... And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." (Exodus 34:28.)

Many Communications

How else except through interplanetary messages could landlubber Nephi, without experience, have built a seaworthy ship which would safely cross an ocean? How could Noah have known the minute specifications for an ark to ride the flood successfully? How else could Moses know the dimensions, materials, and uses of the tabernacle, and how else could Solomon know the specifications for his temple?

Radioed programmes came in great numbers through the ages, faithfully interpreted by the Jeremiahs, the Ezekiels, and the Daniels; by the Nephis, the Moronis, the Benjamins; by the

Peters, the Pauls, and the Joseph Smiths. Better than radio or television communications, have come personal messengers without plane, or rocket ship, from God's abode to announce the birth of Isaac, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the coming of Saul to Damascus. Through some programme, perhaps something like super-television, Joseph saw the coming famine in Egypt so he could warn Pharaoh and save his own people. And another Joseph saw a trans-space programme causing him to flee to Egypt with the Christ-child, and then to return to Nazareth.

Peter saw a picture of the four-cornered sheet filled with beasts and heard voices which were to send the proselyting programme not only to Jews, but also to all the world. A messenger from the Father crossed space to announce, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And from out in space came suddenly "... a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." (Luke 2:11, 13-14.)

"He Is Risen"

Comforting messengers stood by the Christ in Gethsemane after His momentous decision. One from far outspace was outside Jerusalem's wall by the

empty tomb, and "... rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." (Mat. 28:2.) He said, "... Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

"He is not here: for he is risen, ..." (Matt. 28:5-6.)

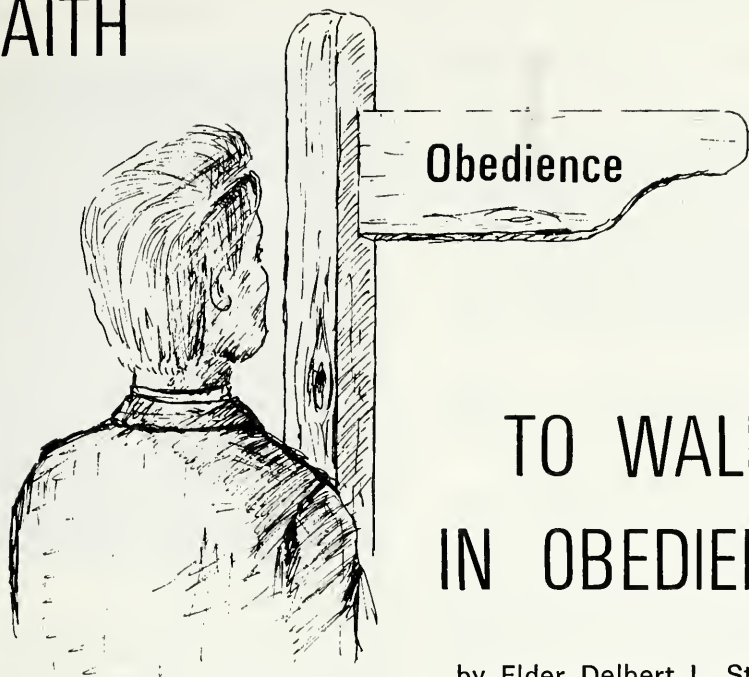
And there were two men undetained by space or time, standing on the Mt. of Olives who said, "ye men of Galilee, ... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Just last century a space messenger came to Joseph Smith, announcing, "... that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God ... that his name was Moroni; that God had a work for (him) to do; ..." (Joseph Smith 2:33.) In a single night repeated visits and the crossing through space from earth to the abode of God, seemed to be negotiated without limitation of time or space or gravity's pull!

From the centre of the universe where the power, the light, the direction, and the intelligence originates, came another messenger announcing himself as the resurrected John the Baptist. Anciently beheaded, now resurrected, he came to restore the keys and powers which he himself had possessed on earth. He was followed by three other messengers, Peter, James, and John, who restored the Melchizedek Priesthood with all its powers and authority.



FAITH



TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE

by Elder Delbert L. Stapley

★ I desire to challenge you to have faith in God; know that He lives, that He is the Father of our spirits, that we are created in the image of His Person, that we possess like traits, qualities, and powers, that we are in very deed His children, that He loves us and has made glorious preparation in His many mansions for our eternal well-being.

Have faith in life and its purpose; know that God has provided and planned it for our joy and happiness. Live each day wisely and fruitfully.

Have faith in Christ, our Lord, as the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh, who is full of grace and truth.

Have faith that He is the Babe of Bethlehem, as chronicled by Gospel writers.

Have faith that Jesus is the Author of peace and salvation to the people of the world.

Have faith in His Gospel plan of salvation, exaltation, and glory.

Have faith in His matchless love in giving His life as an atoning sacrifice to ransom souls of men from the grave.

Have faith that He is our Redeemer, Saviour, and God; that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

His Ministry—Teachings

Have faith in His earthly ministry and divine teachings which lead to joy and happiness in life.

Have faith in His resurrection and ascension to glory and that He now sits on the right hand of God the Father.

Have faith that by His resurrection He broke the bands of death, and that

resurrection of the body applies to all mankind.

Have faith in the First Vision of this dispensation.

Have faith that God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, personally appeared to the boy Joseph Smith and revealed themselves to him.

Have faith in Joseph Smith as a true Prophet of God, called to usher in this, the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times.

Have faith in the Church and kingdom of God established by our Lord through Joseph Smith.

Continued Revelation

Have faith in the restored Gospel of Christ as revealed anew to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Have faith in continued revelation. Have faith in all that God has revealed. Have faith that he will yet reveal many great and important things concerning His work and kingdom.

Have faith in priesthood authority, knowing that the Lord has said, "For he that receiveth my servants, receiveth me." (D&C 84:36.)

Have faith in the Book of Mormon and its inspiring message of truth and faith.

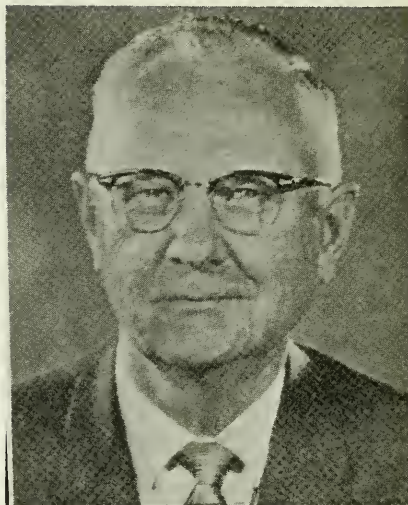
Have faith in the Doctrine and Covenants and in its doctrines and teachings which apply to our day and time.

Have faith in the Pearl of Great Price and its valuable information and teachings by two chosen prophets of God—Abraham, the father of the faithful, and Moses, the great law-giver.

Your Heritage

Have faith in your heritage as descendants of Abraham, that you belong to the house of Israel and are children and heirs of promise.

Have faith in our beloved President, David O. McKay, who is not only the President of the Church, but is also prophet, seer, and revelator to the



Church and the world today.

Have faith to pray for and sustain him in his high calling and position.

Have faith to be humble and believe and not doubt.

Have faith to receive and obey the truths, principles, and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ.

Set Aside Own Views

Have faith to set aside your own views and personal desires to do God's will with confidence and good works.

Have faith in the value of service and be willing to devote your time, talents, and gifts to the building of the kingdom and to the blessing of people.

Have faith to be honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men.

Have faith that God will bless and reward the faithful who love Him and serve Him in righteousness and in truth unto the end.

Have faith to do these things, walking always in obedience to the commandments, doing those things that will please the Lord and lead you back into His presence.

BAPTISM ESSENTIAL TO ALL

by Elder Eldred G. Smith

★ Jesus said to Nicodemus, " . . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto the, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:3-5.)

Jesus confirmed this principle Himself in His own baptism as is recorded in Matthew:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

"But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

"And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Than he suffered him." (Matt. 3:13-15.)

Necessary For All

If baptism were so necessary for Jesus, who was a perfect man, without sin, the very Son of God, to fulfil all

righteousness, then how much more necessary must it be for all others to receive baptism. Then, too, if the Lord requires baptism to see or enter into the kingdom of God, then the Lord is obligated to provide a plan or way whereby all mankind may receive the important ordinance.

You recall that after the Saviour's crucifixion and before His resurrection, He was preaching to the spirits in prison, as is recorded in First Peter. This opens the way for those who do not have the opportunity in this life of hearing the Gospel and accepting baptism to accept its teachings after death. This does not provide the ordinance of baptism. If the plan were to stop here without provision for the actual baptism, all the efforts of Jesus in the spirit world would be in vain. This must be done on earth.

Preservation Of Records

The next step in a plan of justice would call for records on the earth to identify those who lived and died without the Gospel. The Lord has inspired people throughout the ages to preserve records. Many great national

leaders have made great efforts to preserve vital records. Man has inherently made and preserved records. One of the inherent traits of the Israelites is that they are a record-keeping people. Members and nonmembers alike are obligated to gather family records.

On April 3, 1836, in the Kirtland Temple, Elijah the prophet appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and bestowed upon them the keys of the sealing power of the priesthood. This is the power and authority to fulfill all the sealing ordinances of the Gospel, including baptism, for both the living and the dead.

Referring to the mission of Elijah, the Prophet Joseph Smith said, "The spirit, power, and calling of Elijah is, that ye have power to hold the key of the revelations, ordinances, oracles, powers, and endowments of the fulness of the Melchizedek Priesthood and of the kingdom of God on earth; and to receive, obtain, and perform all the ordinances belonging to the kingdom of God. . . ." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 337.)

"Greatest Responsibility"

The Prophet Joseph Smith also said, and I quote: "The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead. The Apostle (Paul) says, 'They without us cannot be made perfect;' (See Heb. 11:40) for it is necessary that the sealing power should be in our hands to seal our children and our dead for the fulness of the dispensation of times—a dispensation to meet the promises made by Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world for the salvation of man.

" . . . I will meet Paul half way. I say to you, Paul, you cannot be perfect without us. It is necessary that those who are going before and those who

come after us should have salvation in common with us; and thus hath God made it obligatory upon man. Hence, God said, 'I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.' " (Mal. 4:5-6, *ibid.*, p. 356.)

Valiant Spirits

The Lord does not stop here. The teaching in the spirit world has continued since the crucifixion of Christ. This means many are accepting the teachings all the time. Their descendants are found in all the nations of the earth. To assist those who have accepted the Gospel in the spirit world, the Lord has reserved many valiant spirits to come forth in this generation.

Just as the family of the Prophet Joseph Smith was moved from place to place until they settled in the area where the plates had laid buried for



many centuries, the Lord has reserved special, valiant spirits who in the pre-existence were so strong that the Lord knew they would accept the Gospel when they heard it.

We hear glowing reports of the progress in the missionary work. These are some of these special spirits to come forth in special families, away from the centre stakes of Zion, with a

special mission to be a saving power to their ancestors.

It is common for members in these newly organized stakes in the missions to be the only ones in their family to join the Church. A husband and wife may be the only members of the Church on each side of their families. They alone are responsible for all their family research.

How To Send In Your News

★ Officially there should be a Millennial Star News Reporter appointed for each Branch and Ward, who collect news items of interest and submit them to their District, Mission or Stake News representative, who in turn send them to our News Editor.

Because of the many changes that have taken place in the last 18 months, we now find that many stakes and missions do not have representatives. If you are in any doubt, then send your news items direct to: Muriel Cuthbert, 26, North Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham stating clearly which Branch/Mission, Ward/Stake it comes from.

Points to remember

The Star takes 6 weeks to prepare, so do not send in old news, report as soon as an event has taken place. Give full names, e.g. Mary Brown. not Sister Brown, or M. Brown. Print names, dates, and places clearly if you cannot type your report.

Give as much detail as you can in

a clear concise way, be careful of repetition.

Remember the deadline for each month is the 20th, this means that we want the news before then, otherwise it will have to wait until the next time, which will mean 12 weeks before you see it in print. If you send in photographs, it will help us to return them quicker if you **pencil** your name and address clearly on the back. And please, only send good clear photographs, black and white. Send the photographs with your news items.

We would like to suggest that for Stake/Mission Dances or events, that an official photographer be appointed, and that they take a whole roll of film and have it developed immediately. These pictures could also be used for your own historical records.

We would like to thank all the reporters who send in items regularly, without them the news section could not continue. We hope they will carry on with their good work.

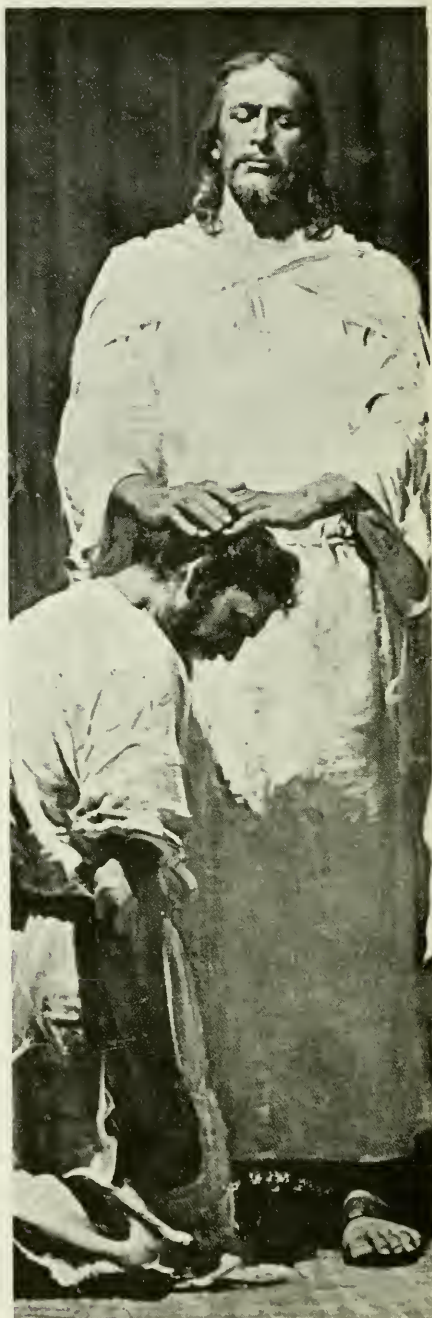
Divinity Of The Saviour

by Elder Alma Sonne

★ Someone has said that the best evidence of Christ's divinity is Christ Himself.

A few years ago I made some notes which I headed, "Jesus Christ—a Reality." I had two reasons for making the notes. One was that I had just read an article entitled "Jesus Christ—a Myth," and the other was the reading of a summary in a Denver newspaper of some sermons delivered on the previous Sunday. One of the ministers, according to the report, made the following statement: "It matters not to me whether the historical Jesus lived or not so long as I have access to the philosophy of life which is attributed to Him."

The protestant minister who made this statement, it appears, is willing to teach Christianity without Christ. By so doing he removes the greatest and strongest incentive to live a Christ-like life. But Jesus cannot be disposed of in any such flippant and thoughtless manner. He still lives not only in the



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hearts of mankind but also on the pages of history, and He is still the most beautiful and attractive personality in human history.

Quotes Ingersoll

It was Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll who said many years ago: "For the man Jesus I have the profoundest admiration. I gladly pay to Him the homage of my tears; but for Jesus as the Son of God, I will have nothing to do with Him."

The statement made by Mr. Ingersoll is not one whit more unchristian than that made by the minister who occupied a Christian pulpit. It is said that when Ingersoll died many of the preachers in Christendom searched in their vocabularies for words that sting and bite with which to execrate his memory.

It is reported that Napoleon once said, "Is it not amazing that the ambitious dreams of Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and Napoleon Bonaparte should vanish into thin air and a Jewish peasant should extend a crucified hand across the pages of history and control the destinies of the human family?"

Six Influenced History

Some will recall that a few years ago H. G. Wells, the historian, was asked to write down the names of six characters in world history, who, in his opinion, had wielded the greatest influence for good among the children of men. Without any pause or hesitation he quickly wrote the name Jesus of Nazareth. He then remarked: "But I am not a Christian. I am a writer of history." He then put down four more names, all of which I have forgotten. But he ended the list with the name, Abraham Lincoln, who presided over the United States during the crucial days of the Civil War.

It was Lincoln who said: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I stand with a man who is right, and I stand with him as long as he is right, but I part company with him when he is wrong." I have always regarded Abraham Lincoln as our greatest statesman who exemplified Christian ideals in his management of the nation.

As intimidated by these men, Jesus stands alone even among the world's greatest like a tall majestic mountain which lifts its form above the hills and valleys. There is no one with whom He can be compared. We readily classify all leaders who have achieved and won fame in music, in art, in literature, in statesmanship, and even in militarism, but we cannot put Jesus with any group. History has accounted for most men.

Who Accounts For Jesus

The intellectual activity of the sixteenth century, for instance, produced Shakespeare, Milton, and many others. The struggle and desire for freedom in the eighteenth century made men like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and others. The wild robber spirit of the east produced Alexander the Great. But who, except the believer, will account for Jesus? He came out of a city noted for ignorance, yet He rose to intellectual and spiritual heights. He lived in a period of hatred and bigotry, yet He personified love and goodwill. His name and fame have been remembered, and yet He wrote no book to keep alive His memory.

His Gospel of salvation was entrusted to a few humble men whom He trained for three years and sent forth to pro-

claim His truths. These men, judged by worldly standards, were meek and lowly and without influence in the recognized circles of their day. Discussion of Jesus has filled volumes. His memory is everywhere. He takes a place midmost in history and is the central figure around which events are woven. Strangely enough, He is both loved and hated. There are people on earth today who would crucify Him the second time were He to come again.

Can't Blot Him Out

A determined effort was made to blot Him out completely, yet He lives in the hearts of men and women the world over. Many have died for Him and there are many who would die for Him today if it were necessary. He is slowly but surely conquering the world. His contemporaries, like Pontius Pilate and Herod the Great, would probably have been forgotten were it not for their association and connection with Him during their lives.

What is the position of the Church with respect to this great, outstanding character about whom we have heard so much today.

Mormonism declares that Jesus Christ lived upon the earth, that He mingled with men, that He preached His powerful Sermon on the Mount to a small group of friends and associates who gathered on a mountainside, that He



performed mighty miracles, that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He was put to death on the cross by His enemies, that He arose from the grave on the third day after His crucifixion, and finally, that He is the Son of God.

Mormonism also declares that He chose twelve apostles, that He commissioned them to preach the Gospel of salvation which He had taught them, and that like Him they performed many miracles in His name and established His Church upon the earth.

May we always remember Him and keep all the commandments which He has given us.

Mothers— Essential To Every Home



by Elder Boyd K. Packer

★I address this to mothers of little children and recall for their contemplation these words from the Gospel of St. Mark:

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

"But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Ibid., 10:13-14.)

While the responsibility to guide little children belongs to both parents, motherhood carries with it a special sacred influence. The programme of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will not pre-empt your privi-

leges, Mother. It is structured to strengthen you as a mother.

Strengthen Motherhood

None of it is calculated to diminish your influence in the home. But since there are good mothers—and better mothers—it is patterned to strengthen the very quality of your motherhood. There is a "Home Partnership" spirit in all that is done. How important it is that every mother be enthroned as a queen in her home, teaching the principles of life and salvation to her little ones.

It is common practice for parents to purchase insurance policies and open savings accounts that the children may attend college or fulfil missions. It is generally a good thing to do. But, mothers, in all of your looking into the

future, you may do well to look to the present. For premiums must be paid on character, too, not just monthly or quarterly or semiannually, but moment by moment, day by day, year in, year out. Character must be built little by little "... giving line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little, and there a little; . . ." (D&C 128:21.)

There is often humour in this solemn and sobering obligation, this teaching of the Gospel to the little children; they have a way of making it pleasant. One mother in South Carolina told me of her youngster who was contesting with a neighbour child over the question, which is the only true church? Her child finally said, "Well, we have a prophet at the head of our Church." The other child conceded finally with the thought, "I guess ours is a non-profit organisation."

Save Mothers From What?

There is a trend in the world today—and unfortunately in the Church—for women to want to be emancipated. And we wonder at times—emancipated from what? From domesticity? From motherhood? From happiness? And to what are you in slavery? Your children? It is neither necessary nor desirable for the mother of little children to become a drudge or to be relegated to a position of servitude. It is not, however, uncommon to see women—interestingly enough many in the financially well-to-do category—over-sufeiting themselves with activities outside of the home at the expense of their little children.

I have never known a mother to regret in the closing years of her life a sacrifice made for her children or to begrudge the cost of guiding them to fine Christian citizenship.

On the other hand, we find almost universal remorse for neglect of family

in the growing years or for over-indulging children, which is symptomatic of the most serious type of neglect.

Mothers, do not abandon your responsibilities! Be reverently grateful for your little children.

I speak a word to mothers who have little children who are handicapped, children whose little bodies were born incompletely formed or whose little minds are limited. No one knows the depth of agony that you have suffered. By way of consolation, quote from the Doctrine and Covenants:

"Ye cannot behold with your natural eyes, for the present time, the design of your God concerning those things which shall come hereafter, and the glory which shall follow after much tribulation.

"For after much tribulation come the blessings. Wherefore the day cometh that ye shall be crowned with much glory; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand." (D&C 58:3-4.)

Trials Have A Place

Trials such as these bring a reverence for life, a new depth of compassion and motherhood.

There are lovely mothers, also, who have fostered children born by other women. To such the privilege of motherhood is twofold more precious. And there are many mothers whose love extends beyond their own family. In elementary school I learned a great lesson in this regard. There were in that school several youngsters from a family which was not blessed with an attentive mother at home.

During the school year they were afflicted with impetigo, a common disease of the skin which is now very easily cured. Because they were not bathed and because their clothing was

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not clean, it quickly spread across their bodies.

The principal of the school asked that my mother, who was the room mother for our class, visit the home in the hope that she could encourage the type of care that these children so badly needed. "The woman's touch," he said, "may be most helpful here."

More Demands On Mothers

Although she responded to the request, she failed in her mission, for she found circumstances in that home were pitiable. Well I remember the invitation to bring these little youngsters home from school with us. And, I remember that they were bathed; medication was applied to their little bodies; they were dressed in our clothing; and in the early evening sent to their own home, the next day to return for the same treatment. Night after night after night I remember my mother scrubbing endlessly with a bottle of disinfectant and then boiling clothing against the possibility that her own family might

become infected. But her mother's heart would not turn them away, for these were little children, and they were suffering.

The demands made upon mothers, the weariness, the worry, the endless vigil, all take their toll. But there comes to you a special beauty transcending even that of the blushing bride. Such beauty is alluded to in these lines by an unknown poet entitled simply "Beauty."

"Beauty"

"Two pines were born on a hillside grove.
One protected, grew straight and tall.
It bore no time or weather marks.
Its figure was slim and virginal.

"The second showed clearly that time
had passed,

For it stood where the winds stormed by.
Its arms knew the tortuous weight of
snow.

Its face knew the sting of the sleet-filled
sky.

"The first tree, so youthfully beautiful
Was a picture the world could all see.
But the artist who climbed to the hill-
side grove

Always painted the other tree."

Mother, teach your children in the home the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustain your husband in his presidency of the home. Draw from the Priesthood Home Teaching program, from the Relief Society, and the other auxiliary agencies of the Church the assistance to bless your family.

Teach your daughters the essentials of homemaking. Teach them to be virtuous, train your sons for service in the mission field. Teach them to be worthy. Teach them to know that the President of the Church is a prophet of God.

Spiritual Discipline

by Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg



★ William Hutchinson says: "Among parents I see a great many looking back with nostalgia to their youth and trying to relive the 'glorious teens' vicariously through their children.

"The family used to be bound together by economic glue. Historically,

the family worked together as a team on the hunt or in the field. It was an essential to existence itself that there be discipline and leadership within the family."

Thomas J. Cahill, chief of the San Francisco Police Department, 'makes

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the following observation: "... I say to you that the home is a place where the child must be taught from the cradle. Love, understanding, and kindness is something that is built into his heart or her heart as they grow, and it must be done by both the father and mother carrying out their responsibilities; because when God gives them children or gives us children, He also places upon our shoulders corresponding responsibilities and obligations to see to it that those children are brought up in the proper way. . . ."

Influence of Priesthood

I must add that the only proper way is God's way. Spiritual discipline is the most effective means of character development. The influence of the priesthood in the home has the greatest influence for guiding and persuading young people along the path of righteousness. One of the fundamental teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is that every member should acquire learning by study, by faith, by prayer and by seeking learning wherever it is found. We believe that, "The glory of God is intelligence, . . ." (D&C 93:36.) "And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come." (Ibid., 130:19.)

This would suggest that spiritual guidance in the home gives the youth not only an advantage in this life but also in the eternity. In addition to the influence in the home, the bishop gives them guidance in the government of the kingdom and in the priesthood of God. In this respect, he is in metaphor, a potter and sculptor of the youth.



The Good Shepherd

The ward bishop cultivates the pure love of Christ in the souls of the youth. His labours inspire hope, and his kindness builds faith. This is today's spiritual challenge to establish faith, hope, and the pure love of Christ, which is charity, (see Moroni 7:47) into the hearts of the young people. Paul declares that these three abideth (see 1 Cor. 13:13) though the image and fashion of the world pass away. It is the precious youth of the Church who must accept this challenge. It is the bishop, as overseer in the household of God, who holds the torch of leadership. The bishop is indeed a true and good shepherd.

No young man can receive the priesthood and participate therein without becoming a better person. The priesthood is character building. It teaches one to have proper concepts and values. As one magnifies his duties in the priesthood, he experiences the challenge and growth that emanate from eternal

principles. This challenge prompted the inspired words of the Prophet Joseph Smith, "That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness." (D&C 121:36.)

Priesthood Fosters Advantages

In the business affairs of life, it is the application of advantages that contributes to success. If one has the advantage of added training in a certain

field or the advantage of more economical production of a product, he usually becomes more successful in his business effort. So it is with the youth. The priesthood of God gives them an advantage for success and happiness and eternal life.

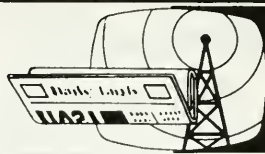
Here we have reason for Peter's declaration: "... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1 Pet. 2:9.)



Geoffrey Willmott, London Stake M Men leader and partner, participate in dance instruction.

M Men and Gleaners utilizer Saturday afternoon to learn new dance steps at Gleaner Council in Luton.





London Stake Relief Societies Combine For Dinner Programme

★ Early in the year the London Stake Relief Societies decided to have a combined birthday dinner for their ten units and so plans were made. The Cultural Hall of the Hyde Park Chapel on March 9th was decorated and set for the visitors to arrive.

Relief Society Stake Pres. Grace McKeown and her counselors Cissie Simmonds and Margaret Saile waited, ready to receive the sisters. Gorgeous smells were coming from the kitchen while Bro. Julius Fussick, the head chef and his staff of priesthood holders prepared and served the meal. The tables were artistically decorated by Margaret Hampstead with blue and yellow flowers

—the colours of the Relief Society. Printed menus with the crest "Charity Never Faileth" were ready for use and a feeling of happy expectancy was in the air.

One hundred and seventy five sisters made it a really happy sight. After the welcome by Sister McKeown and a lovely prayer by Sister Gladys Noyce, Luton Ward, the dinner began with a generous helping of fresh melon followed by an English roast beef dinner.

Then all the lights were dimmed and the candles on the individual pieces of birthday cake were lighted as Irene Hester sang a beautiful song in her sweet soprano voice and we all joined in singing "Happy Birthday."



Lighting candles on cakes served at London Stake Relief Society annual banquet.



Sister Grace McKeown, London Stake Relief Society president, chats with co-workers at banquet.

LONDON STAKE

Gleemm Council Sponsors Day For 2 Stakes, 1 Mission

★ About 50 M Men and Gleaners from the London Stake, Leicester Stake and Central British Mission enjoyed a full day of activity on March 16th at Luton. The day started with minor games and potted sports at the new Luton Youth Centre, then everyone returned to the Luton Chapel for an afternoon of folk-dancing and impromptu drama. Supper was provided by the Ward Relief Society and M.I.A.

The first part of the evening was devoted to an Eternal Values' programme, emphasising the importance of Temple marriage. As each person entered the chapel, they signed a book which will be kept as a record of those present, they were then greeted by a receiving line consisting of President Joseph Hamstead of the London Stake,

President Le Roy Buckmiller of the London Temple, Bishop and Sister Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward, Pauline Doggett, Y.W.M.I.A. president of the London Stake and Peter Boulter, the Stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent.

An M Man and a Gleaner spoke about their awards, and the film "Man's Search for Happiness" was shown. Guest Speaker, President Buckmiller spoke on the choices that youth have to make if they wish to enjoy a happy life. The day concluded with a barn dance under the direction of Bishop and Sister Leavitt of North London Ward. The whole event was organised by the LONDON STAKE M MEN-Gleaner (GLEMM) Council, under its President, James Miller, and the Stake M Men Leader, Geoffrey Willmott.



A full afternoon of dance was enjoyed at London Stake M Men Gleaner day at Luton Ward chapel.

Stake News

★The Epsom Ward of the London Stake broke ground on their welfare project on Monday 11th March. They believe that this may be the first of its kind in England so the stake president and others are watching with interest. The members have a 5.30 a.m. work session every Wednesday, and others visit the project on assignment through quorums and groups.

It has been said that England is a Welfare State and therefore Welfare projects are unnecessary. However, the Epsom bishopric felt very strongly that if governments should fail, the welfare state will be helpless and therefore British people need to know how to grow their own supplies just as do their

American brethren.

Ground is readily available as most of Britains city and town councils have areas of ground sectioned into allotments which are available to local people at a very nominal rent. At present Epsom is renting a piece of ground 100' x 30' for 12/- per year and will add to this very modest start as the project develops.

Although this is just a tiny project compared to many American welfare Farms it is hoped that it will achieve two main purposes. Firstly it will provide actual vegetables for needy families and secondly ward members will be trained and encouraged to grow their own supplies.



Bishop Rodney A. Fullwood, Epsom Ward, turns sod as ward begins its first welfare project. From left, Leonard Barber, Elders Quorum president; Brenda Fullwood, Peter D. Manners, first counselor in the bishopric; David Brain, Bishop Fullwood, Patricia Wainwright and Peter Unwin.

Mothers Honoured In South London Sacrament Meeting

★ On Mothers' Day a Sacrament Meeting was held in South London Ward to honour the mothers and the potential future mothers.

All the mothers present were given a carnation, and all the M.I.A. girls and leaders who had earned Individual Awards were presented with their award certificates and a posy. They also shook hands with members of a presentation panel consisting of the Stake High Council Advisor to Y.W.M.I.A. The Bishopric, the Ward Relief Society president and the Stake Y.W.M.I.A. presidency.

Musical items included a solo by Pauline Dogett, "Such Lovely Things" sung by the Ward Y.W.M.I.A. Choir conducted by Berdene Farren, and "Love at Home" by the Singing Mothers conducted by Vera Godwin.

Y.W.M.I.A. President Gillian Tanner, spoke on the preparation the Girls' programme gives the young women to become good mothers. A Priest, Christopher Saunders, spoke on the importance of mothers such as Emma Smith, mother of the Prophet.

Five year old Lesley Wiltshire told about "My Mother" and Bishop Walter Stevenson concluded the evening by speaking on the importance of mothers, in particular he spoke to the young women, telling them that they were destined to become the mothers of those who would serve the Lord as leaders in these the last days.

The whole evening was enjoyable and inspiring to all members and friends who were present.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ At the March Stake Conference it was announced that due to the great increase in numbers, there would now be three Quorums of Elders instead of two.

The First Quorum, consisting of priesthood from Leicester, Coventry, Nuneaton, Loughborough and Western Park, is presided over by Leslie Green of Leicester Ward.

The Second Quorum, from the Birmingham area of the Stake, has Edward E. Wood, of Walsall as their president, and includes Woodsetton and Walsall as well as the three Birmingham wards and branches.

The Northerly section, consisting of Nottingham, Derby, Eastwood, Hucknall and Mansfield combine to make the Third Quorum with Edgar Raymond Needham as president.

★ An M.I.A. Leadership Training Weekend was held at Derby at the end of February organised by Geoffrey Harris and Olive Attenburrow, Stake M.I.A. Leaders. The course commenced with dancing instruction on the Friday evening, and a great deal of fun was had as they took turns to instruct and everything that was said was taken literally. This was to help them to be clear and precise when telling their own M.I.A.'s what to do.

The programme on Saturday included sports and keepfit in the morning, and drama and speech in the afternoon. Special Sunday School instruction was given by Brother Sherlock on the Sunday morning, and during the afternoon President James Rankin spoke to the young men on Moral Standards and Responsibilities, while Muriel Cuthbert addressed the Young women on Chastity, Marriage and Motherhood.

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During the weekend the Derby saints provided accommodation. Other instructors for the course were Ernest Hooker, drama; Bro. and Sister Diaper, music; Tom Hezseltine, sports; Sister Brown, speech, and Richard Cooper sports.

★ A social evening was held at Nuneaton chapel to show appreciation to Thomas A. V. Ford, his wife and family for the work they have done in the branch for the past 2½ years. They were presented with a stainless steel meat dish by the members.

★ Nottingham M.I.A. held a dance on March 16th just for fun. Music was provided by the "Mick Murry Four," and the Mission-aïres travelled over a sing some of their favourite songs. Rick Burton organised the entertainment and some very appetizing refreshments

were prepared and served by Helen Bourne and Carol Gascoyne.

★ About 50 M Men and Gleaners from all parts of the stake gathered together at the Nottingham Chapel for a special evening on March 12th. Derek and Muriel Cuthbert and Geoffrey Harris, all of whom hold the awards, were guest speakers and they gave encouragement to the group and told of their own experiences while fulfilling the requirements. The evening was organised by Ann Corbin the Stake Gleaner leader.

★ The following members of the Leicester Stake were ordained Elders in March.

David Mitchell of Nottingham Ward.
Horace Taylor, Nuneaton Branch.
William Dutton, Nuneaton Branch.
Douglas T. Willis, Walsall Branch.
Kenneth Robson, Birmingham Ward.



North Shields Relief Society sisters happy with their last sale are, from left, Linda Darrell, Elizabeth Todd, first counselor; Alma Blanchard, Pres. Sylvia Smile of the stake board; Stella Hewison, Jean Hodgins, Grace Purvis, Lillian Barry, Joan Pearce, secretary.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ When the young girls of Primary in Hartlepool Ward held a Daddy and Daughter party in February, it was wonderful to hear them speak of their individual daddies. After the entertainment they enjoyed refreshments prepared by their teacher, Judith Noble.

The stage looked like a summer garden when the M.I.A. held their Valentine Dance. The theme for the evening was "Hearts and Flowers" and May Gardner who was in charge of the decorations saw to it that hearts and flowers were everywhere. A special Valentine cake was made and decorated by Fay Rayment, and greatly enjoyed by the 38 young members and friends who attended.

★ Sisters of the North Shields Branch Relief Society have raised over £100 for the Building Fund in the last six months by Sales of Work.

★ The Priesthood Groups of the Newcastle Ward and Newburn Branch combined for a Grand Social Evening, and the entertainment was presented by the Elders' Group, the dancing organised by the High Priests and the catering done by the Aaronic Priesthood. Bill Maudlin's rendering of "I've Never Seen a Straight Banana" was the high spot of the singing, while Laurie Standing was in great form on the dance floor.

Once again the Relief Society held a Jumble Sale and this time raised £17 for the Ward Budget. The sisters were busy again on 12th March to celebrate the Relief Society Birthday Anniversary. The party that night was attended by the Stake R. S. President, Afton Hardy, and also the sisters from the Newburn Branch. Vera Gray outlined the history of Relief Society and this was followed by entertainment and a meal.

The Elders' Group including mission-

aries, met at the Playhouse Theatre Restaurant, Newcastle upon Tyne, for a delightful dinner and then visited the theatre to see the play, "Loot."

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ The Ashton/Oldham ward have started a sports night under the direction of Brother P. Unsworth. They play other churches and their first match was with St. Peters of Ashton. It was greatly enjoyed by both sides, so much so in fact, that St. Peters have asked for an early replay.

★ Bishop Ernest Preston and Ward Clerk, Tom Leah, were very concerned when there was hardly anyone in the Cultural Hall for their joint effort of providing a programme of non-stop dancing one Saturday night. It was bitterly cold as they stood in the foyer wondering where everyone was.

It could not be that they had set the price of admission too high at 2/- per family, especially as Bishop Preston had told everyone in the announcements of the dance that anyone not able to afford the money was to come as part of his family!

Then people started to arrive and hurried into the warmth of the Cultural Hall, where indirect lighting was provided by shining coloured spotlights on to the ceiling, making a cosy atmosphere. By 9 p.m. when 60 couples were counted doing the Barn Dance, the heating had been switched off and the windows opened to let in the frosty air to cool everybody down.

All present joined in the hectic programme of dances which included Scottish Reels, Congas, Hokey Cokey's, pop tunes, etc., and by 10.30 p.m. the dance was acknowledged to have been an outstanding success with all members and their friends asking when the next one was to be held.



The old Worcester chapel at Bath Road.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ The hour of 11 o'clock on March 2nd saw the start of the 1968 Mission Pitch events final. Teams from Rhyl to Worcester and Lincoln to Rugby gathered at the Northampton Chapel cultural hall to take part in table tennis, netball, basketball and both senior and junior 5-a-side-football and volleyball.

Malcolm and Heather Coombs of the Mission Board, were in charge, ably assisted by sports leaders from all the participating districts.

Northampton were the victors of the senior volleyball and 5-a-side football, Peterborough the junior volleyball and Worcester the junior 5-a-side football. Lincoln beat Kidderminster in the netball final only then to be beaten by Kidderminster in the basketball.

The table-tennis finalists were scattered from all ends of the mission.

Tony Evans and Jennifer Jones from Wrexham won the mixed doubles, Geoffrey Burton and Bob Edden the men's doubles, they were from Hereford, and from Lincoln, Shirley Rose and Heather Coombs won the ladies. In the senior singles, Ian Thorpe from Rugby took the men's title and Heather Coombs the ladies. In the junior section, Vaughan Byrne from Worcester, won the boys, and Penny Church from Northampton the girls.

Over 100 participants and spectators made it a very full and exciting day, as many of the matches were very close. It was good to be in a gathering of young people where the sportsmanship was good and the language and play clean.

President Harry Jones, representing the mission presidency, presented the certificates to the successful players.



Pres. Smart addressing the congregation at the opening service of the new Worcester Chapel.

Mission News

★ On retiring from work at the age of sixty-five, Anthony Stone of the Hereford Branch, received a letter of commendation from the Regional Blood Bank Services, expressing their appreciation for the 31 donations of blood he has made. We would like to add our congratulations too, on this fine service to the community.

★ The Hereford Relief Society held a very successful Pancake Party on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. After having supplied everyone present with deliciously tasting pancakes, the sisters entertained their guests with individual items. Outstanding were Sister Eacock with her singing and Hilda Jones who gave a most enjoyable recitation.

On March 17th they celebrated the anniversary by inviting the branch and their friends to attend their presentation of the playlet "The Gift." The food for this event was provided by the Priesthood, who also relieved the sisters from their normal culinary duties. The rest of the evening's entertainment, consisted of a Knock-out Quiz, won by Audrey Prosser. As her prize she was awarded a cake on Mother's Day. President Dawe brought the evening to a close by presenting a film show which highlighted branch events through the years.

★ March 3rd 1968 saw the end of an era in the history of the Worcester Branch. On this day the last services were held in the chapel at 137, Bath Road, which had been the 'home' of the saints for the last 12 years.

During the Fast and Testimony meeting many members referred to the happy memories they would always cherish of the services and social functions held there. Its purchase in 1956 was a wonderful event after meeting for years in hired halls.

Now, this building which had been the centre of many activities not only for the Branch, but for the Midlands West District, was no longer big enough, and a fine new church erected chapel awaited the saints at Canada Way, Lower Wick.

After ten months of hard diligent work by the members of the Branch under the fine leadership of Desmond Gorman, the building supervisor, the new chapel was completed on March 8th and opened to the public on March 9th. Many visitors enjoyed the conducted tours of the premises, where they saw and had explained to them, displays depicting the functions of the various auxiliaries of the Church. They enjoyed the splendid woodwork in the building and were entertained by the Mission-aieres, who presented the film "Man's Search for Happiness."

In the evening the Midlands West District M.I.A. made full use of the stage and Cultural Hall, where 175 were entertained with an Inter-Branch Talent Show. Remarks were made jokingly that Bro. Gorman, had not built the chapel large enough, and that the rear wall should be knocked down and the extension commenced right away. The entertainment took place on the new type of stage, which folds back into the wall when not in use.

Each of the five branches in the District contributed to the evenings programme, and the show was opened by Hereford Branch with a "Roaring Twenties" spot which included the notorious "Bonny and Clyde." Worcester branch followed with a number of amusing acts, like Bert and his Old Dad. Ken Gorman compared the branch show very well with his jokes and songs. The programme continued after a refreshment break with a talking Rabbit from Kidderminster, songs and jokes from

Stourbridge and another version of Bonny and Clyde from the Redditch Branch who also presented T. McGahan as the three legged man.

The saints then went home to rest and be ready to return the following morning for the Opening Services of the Chapel. Elder James A. Cullimore presided, he was accompanied by Sister Cullimore. President George I. Cannon and his counsellors, and the Deputy Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Fred Lewis, representing the City Council, and his wife were also in attendance. Branch President Victor F. Smart conducted the meeting, and 247 saints and friends were present. Musical items were rendered by the Singing Mothers, and Rosemary Thompson.

Monday 12th March saw the Chapel once more the centre of activity, when the font was used for the first time, Four souls from Worcester, Hereford and Redditch Branches were baptised.

These three joyful days will long be remembered by the members of the Branch. Most joys, however, are often tinged with a little sadness, and for

Worcester this sadness will be in saying farewell to Brother Gorman and his family. During their stay in Worcester they have been loved by all who knew them. At the first Sacrament Meeting held in the Chapel they were presented with a barometer and a silver locket and chain for Sister Gorman, as tokens of love and heartfelt thanks for the work they had done.

★ March 9th saw the gathering of all the District Presidents and their wives, and leaders from the Mission and the Leicester Stake at "Cotswold," the Mission Home of the Central British Mission. This is the only Mission Home in the British Isles that has been specifically built for such a purpose.

The home takes it's name from the beautiful Cotswold stone used throughout the building. More than 100 people gathered in the lounge of this historic occasion as Elder James A. Cullimore dedicated the home. When the Mission was formed in 1961 President and Sister Cullimore were the first Mission parents and in her talk Sister Grace Culli-



Bernard Haw receives his Master M Man certificate from Peter Williams, mission supervisor as Branch Pres. Smart looks on.

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more reminisced about their early days and their triumphs over the many problems they experienced. They were the ones who found the site for the present Mission Home and started construction, but they never had the opportunity to live in it, as it was not completed during their mission.

Elder Cullimore spoke of the great growth in the Church before he dedicated the building. Other speakers included Elder Hardman, a missionary, and President and Sister George I. Cannon. The Mission-aire sang "Bless this House."

★ At the Midlands West District Conference held in the new Worcester chapel on the afternoon of March 10th District President F. John Passey was released after serving in this position for 16 years.

The last duty he performed as President, was to present a beautiful leather bound quadruple combination to the branch on behalf of Joy and Eileen Dunyon, the former Mission President and his wife, it was received by Ronald A. Corbin, 1st counsellor in the Branch Presidency.

Harry W. Jones, 2nd counsellor to President Cannon was then sustained as the new District President.

During the meeting Bernard Haw of Worcester, was presented with his Master M Man Award certificate and pin by Peter Williams Mission Y.M. M.I.A. Supertintendent.

★ The Stourbridge Branch M.I.A. enjoyed an exhilarating evening playing basketball at one of the local schools. Sister Hopkinson took charge, and when they had finished their "10 minute drill" the game commenced in earnest. Although few in number, they were great in spirit and the hall rang with laughter

and song. The evening finally drew to a close and with aching limbs but cheerful hearts they made their way home.

★ The Northampton Relief Society held their Annual Birthday party on Tuesday March 19th in the Cultural Hall. It was a gay, joyous event, attended by more than 60 members and friends, including the priesthood. In addition to dances and unusual games, the evening was highlighted by supper at individual tables. The cake, made by Sister Wilson and decorated by Brother Wilson was duly cut by Olive Turvey, who with the R.S. presidency organised the party.

Members of the priesthood helped to serve the supper.

DUNDEE BRANCH

★ A Burns supper was held in the Dundee Branch Cultural Hall recently with the haggis carried in by Sister Mary Cavin, Relief Society president, accompanied on the pipes by James Wilhie, a partner in the landscaping business responsible for the chapel grounds layout.

Sister Lot Ross of the Dundee East Branch, addressed the noble chieftain of the pudding race in her usual faultless style.

After a sumptuous meal prepared by the branch Relief Society a programme of Burns' songs and poems was presented. The Crooked Bobee duet by Bro. Dennis Clancy and Sister Mary Roy aroused enthusiastic applause.

Main event of the evening, an original stage setting in period costume, in which each participant sang or recited a work by Burns, arranged and directed by Sister Clancy, held everyone enthralled.

The bold Robert himself (Dennis Clancy Jr.) put in an appearance and brought the house down with the rendering of The Star of Robbie Burns.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The birth of a new daughter made Christine Scott Mathieson a central link in one of the oldest "Mormon" families in Britain. Having always been a member of the Church, she has had the opportunity to serve in nearly every auxiliary position and to fill a full time mission in Scotland. Currently working an 2nd counsellor of the Sunday School

in Greenock Branch, she intends to raise four month old daughter, Fiona, under the same legacy of service left her by parents and grandparents.

Christine's paternal grandmother, Ethel Cordelia Scott Hosie, now 84, remembers well her baptism into the Church on the 6th of June, 1903, in Middlesboro, Yorkshire, England. Some of



From left, Sister Margaret Graham, Sister Graham Scott, Christine Scott Mathieson.



From left, Ethel C. Scott, Hosie, Bishop William Scott, Christine Scott Mathieson.

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her brightest memories recall the year 1893, when she saw her first bicycle and the year after when she saw Buffalo Bill's Wild West show with Annie Oakley. Sister Hosie moved to Glasgow in 1916. While serving as Relief Society president of the Glasgow Branch during those war years, she remembers sending parcels of clothes to members of the Church in Aberdeen, Dundee, & Airdrie.

Sister Margaret Graham, Christine's maternal grandmother, now only 66 is also proud of her service in the Relief Society. Originally from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, she later became Relief Society president of the Airdrie Branch in Scotland after joining the Church in 1945. Sister Graham recalls an especially successful winter when she and three other members of the Relief Society raised £60 from their sale of work articles.

Sister Graham Scott, Christine's mother, likewise served as Relief Society president of the Glasgow Ward in 1960. Having joined the Church in 1942, she has had the opportunity of serving

in nearly every auxiliary position, holding as many as nine offices at once.

Sister Graham Scott had many added responsibilities when her husband, William Scott, became a bishop. Brother Scott had the honour of being the first president of the first elders quorum in Scotland. Over the years he has held many branch and stake leadership positions even to serving as acting Relief Society president for three weeks. He is now serving as Bishop and senior High Councilman in the Glasgow Stake.

The Scott-Graham family can certainly be proud of its long record of leadership and service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Carlos O. Wood who was called to the British Mission in April of 1966, is being released preparatory to returning to Utah. He has served as branch president of the Harlow, Ilford, and Hastings branches. Called as a counsellor to President Preston Robinson, former British mission president, and has served as counsellor to President Reed E. Callister since January 1967.

His wife, sister Lorraine Wood has served in Primary, Sunday School, M.I.A. and Relief Society as counsellor and teacher. Sister Wood served for seven months as British Mission Relief Society president, and presently serves as advisor to the Relief Society.

Brother and sister Wood are from Bountiful, Utah.

They are the parents of two children and have four grandchildren.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Congratulations are again due to Gregory Harris of Helston, Cornwall, who knocked out his opponent in the 2nd round of a Boxing contest at Mylor, Nr. Falmouth, even though he was older and had longer experience in the ring.



Bro. and Sis. Carlos O. Wood who have completed missions.

Cardiff Chapel Dedicated by Elder Cullimore

★ The beautiful new Cardiff Branch Chapel at Cardiff, Wales, was dedicated March 3, 1968 by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve.

John H. Cox, president of the Wales East District of the Southwest British Mission, conducted the services.

Speakers in addition to Elder Cullimore included William H. Harless Sr., president of the branch; Pres. Cox, Alan O. Hughes (former president of the branch; Ralph Pulman, zone counselor in the mission presidency; Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw of the mission; and Sister Cullimore.

Music was furnished by the Wales-East District choir, directed by Dorothy Entwistle with Sister Thora A. Harless, accompanist. Vocal solos were presented by Olive Williams and Dorothy Entwistle. Joan Corcoran directed the congregational singing.

Invocation was offered by Cyril M. Coombs, counselor in the branch presidency and benediction, John Headington, Wales-East District.

Other branch officers include Sidney Kitt and Thomas K. Price, counselors; John A. Wright and Kenneth E. Lippett, clerks.

Reports indicate that the Cardiff Branch was first organized in about 1923 with the Paxman and Day families, later joined by the S. Hal Perry family. Albert Perry, the father, became branch president three months after baptism because of the emigration of the other two families.

In 1949 the branch was reorganized after an elderly American Missionary,

Charles Welling; and a small group struggled through some of the war years. Before completing his mission (he served as branch president for a period) the branch was again meeting in the home of a member. During much of the time of the branch's early history persecution and physical violence was encountered.

Among a team of 15 missionaries assigned to Cardiff was Valton Jackson who became its president and the membership increased to 70. Elder Jackson was followed by Elder Forsyth and his team increased the membership to 120 by the year 1952, this under Mission Pres. A. Hamer Reiser. (A son of Pres. Reiser is presently serving a mission in the British South Mission) In 1953 Elder William Steele became president and pursuant to Pres. Reiser's instructions a three story house was purchased and made into a branch chapel. Then in 1954 for the first time the presidency passed into the hands of local leadership when Albert Perry moved away to Bristol and Rupert A. Corcoran was named president. Bro. A. Ainsworth and Bro. H. Roberts, were his counselors.

Pres. Corcoran was released in 1955 to become district mission president. From that year until 1960 a series of missionaries served as branch presidents. Late in 1960 Bro. H. Poyner was sustained as president and in 1961 Bro. Corcoran became president with James Smith as first and Arthur Smith, as second counselors.

The chapel site was purchased in 1961 and in 1963 Pres. Corcoran released



Cardiff Branch Chapel in Wales dedicated by Elder James A. Cullimore.

and Bro. Alan O. Hughes, a professional surveyor, named president, in preparation for the construction programme soon to follow. Ground breaking was held 10th October 1964.

Supervising Architect was Donald O. Hendon, A.R.I.B.A. who notes that the original site of six acres was reduced to one and a half acres (4½ acres sold for a building house development project). The building was completed in 1966. The building contains 11,500 sq. ft. with an interesting roof over the Cultural Hall supported by precast concrete beams and the monopitch roof over the classroom wing follows the contours of the land. The Profilit glazing in the Chapel is an unusual feature. The chapel seats 230 and total seating in view of the pulpit is 600. The building cost approximately £100,000.

Pres. Hughes was released in January 1967 and Pres. Harless appointed.

As of Dec 31, 1967 the branch had a membership of 453 persons.

CORNWALL

★ The Cornwall District Relief Society held a successful birthday celebration dinner at which time 34 members were served roast beef, vegetables and had a choice of four sweets, reports Sister Laura Jennings, district Relief Society president.

The usual hall in Falmouth had to be booked and paid for by the District Relief Society. Women and children attending each paid for their own serving.

The stove on which the cooking had to be done, was small and nearly worn out. All dishes and saucepans for serving, had to be taken to the hall for the dinner. The sweets were the only things made at home by four of the sisters.

Cornish daffodils and Cornish Mimosa adorned the tables and the hall.

Members also brought their own plates and cutlery.

Everyone present expressed how lovely the meal was and the evening was completed with a film of Germany and Austria.

"We had achieved what seemed the impossible" said Sister Jennings.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ At a baptismal service held at West Hull earlier this year, 6 people were baptised, namely Joyce, John, Heather, Margaret and Michael Anderson and Colin Wright. Heather Anderson was baptised by her Uncle Terence Wileman and this brings the total of family members in the Church at West Hull to 24. Quite a record for this country we would think!

At the Branch's Kitchen Carnival organised by the M.I.A. 45 people enjoyed foods from Spain, Germany and Hawaii. A German folk song was sung by Denise Morris and afterwards a German game was played. The evening was brought to a close with everyone singing "Bali Hi."

★ The Hull District M.I.A. held a Sweet-heart Ball at the Beverley Chapel and the Dave Edalan Trio provided the music for dancing. John Fenwick was M.C. to over 100 people. The Cultural Hall was gaily decorated with streamers, hearts and flowers accentuated by spot lights. This was done by the Beverley M.I.A. who also prepared the delicious refreshments.

The winner's of the District Speech Festival are as follows:
Beehive—Carol Wilkinson—York.
M.I.A. Maid—Linda Coleman—York.

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Laurel—Judith Spurr—W. Hull.
 Gleaner—Avril Dalby—Scarborough.
 Explorers—David Rodricke—E. Hull.
 Ensign—Geoffrey Thomas—W. Hull.
 M. MAN—Ian Taylor—E. Hull.

Young Marrieds—Mutual Study, panel discussion was won by W. Hull. More than 60 people were present at the Festival.

★ Wigan Chapel was dedicated on March 7th by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. The ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan and the Chief Constable Mr. Aitken. The Manchester Mormon Choir sang two splendid items and Patricia Goulding sang by special request.

BIRTHS

★ William and Sandra Fee of West Hull Branch, North British Mission, a daughter Deborah Jane.

★ 12th Feb.—To Victor and Sadie Thomson of Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake, a son Craig Victor.

★ 21st Feb.—To Jim and Anne Thomson of Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake, a daughter Sharon Anne.

★ 23rd Feb.—To Joy Walker of Northampton Branch, Central British Mission a son, Daniel.

★ 28th Feb.—To Bro. and Sis. Bayne of the Newton Abbot Branch, a daughter, Teresa Ann.

★ 1st March—To Lynn and Pat Hammond, Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Andrea Jean.

★ 3rd March—To Kenneth and Audrey Learmonth, Glasgow Stake, a son, Steven John.

★ 4th March—To Pres. and Sister Mainwaring, Newton Abbot Branch, a daughter, Rebecca Dawn.

★ 18th March—To Peter and Shirley Turner of Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Sarah.

ENGAGEMENT

★ Gladys Hughes of Windes Runcorn Branch, North British Mission to Eric Lea of Chester. They plan to marry in September.

MARRIAGES

★ Two members of the Glasgow Ward, Catherine E. Ross and David B. Malcolm, were married in the Drumchapel Ward Chapel on January 27th. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Davey of Glasgow.



Catherine Ross and David Malcolm.



Ann Andrews and Ian Helps.

★ On Saturday 3rd February, 'Ann Andrews married Ian Helps at the Hartlepool Ward Chapel, Bishop James Laurie officiated. Bridesmaids were Angela Harvey and Susan Weldon. The couple are both members of the ward and hold positions in the Church.

★ A second February wedding took place at Hartlepool Ward on the 24th, when Mary Rose McKie married John Prosser Davison. The bride was attended by Rosalind Ward as chief bridesmaid, Jill and Linda Talbot and Susan Weldon. Anthony Davison was best man, and John Gibson acted as groomsman. The bridesmaids wore dresses of apple green, and the bride wore a full length white satin gown with long sleeves and a train. The couple met at church about two years ago.



Mary Rose McKie and John Prosser Davison.

★ Both bride and groom wore white, when Ann Patricia Woodward of Nottingham Ward and Paul Ross Weir from Toronto, Canada, were married at the Nottingham Chapel on March 2nd. Bishop Albert Green performed the ceremony. Ann served on a Building Mission as a secretary in the Church Building Offices some years ago, and then spent two years in Canada and the U.S.A..

★ Pauline Hatton and Roy Carey were married in the Middlesbrough Chapel on March 16th. Bishop Harold Marshall officiated. Florence Hatton, the brides sister and Alma Hatton, her niece were bridesmaids.

Statistics



Ann Woodward and Paul Ross Weir.

OBITUARIES

★ We regret to report the sudden death of Dennis Richardson, aged 24 years, of the Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, on February 19th.

★ Albert E. Roberts of the Newcastle Ward, passed away quietly in his sleep on Friday 23rd February, aged 69 years. He will be well remembered for his forthright discourses during the years he spent in the Ward, and the way he diligently performed his priesthood duties as an Elder, and in his calling as Sunday School superintendent until last year. He had been seriously ill for some months.

A beautiful funeral service was held at the Newcastle Chapel under the direction of Bishop Curryer. The Elders Group Leader, Gordon Matthews paid tribute to Brother Roberts in a talk, and the Ward Choir sang the "Crimond." Many friends and relatives also attended the cemetery where the grave was dedicated by Bishop Curryer.

★ Word has reached the Millennial Star of the death of Robert L. Dunn a former president of the Kidderminster

NEWNESS

In the breast of a bulb
Is the promise of spring
In the little blue egg
Is the bird that will sing

In the heart of the seed
Is the hope of the sod
In the soul of a child
Is the kingdom of God.



Robert L. Dunn

Branch, a position he held for 25 years. He died March 23rd at Provo, Utah. The past 20 years he has been a resident of Provo, Utah.

Bro. Dunn also served a number of years in the presidency of the Birmingham District.

He and Sister Dunn returned to their native England as missionaries in the years 1955-57. Many will remember Bro. Dunn's great skill as an orator, also as a writer of high quality poems, pageants and plays.

He was assigned to write the pageant for the conference at Bradford and at the time of his death a historical novel of the Costswold Country was about ready for the press.

All of his children and grandchildren are active in the Church. Many are receiving university education and one, Heber J. Dunn, is a surgeon at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.



Hubertus Wietholtz

Promised Valley Musical Set For Second Season

★ Again this summer, during July and August, Promised Valley, the great musical created by Dr. Crawford Gates will be presented at the Temple View Theatre in Salt Lake City. The drama pertaining to the movement of the Pioneers in 1847 across the plains of America, through the Rocky Mountains into the Salt Lake Valley, will be presented free, Monday through Saturday evenings.

Thousands of tourists witnessed the colourful portrayal last year in the evening shadow of the famed Salt Lake Temple in downtown Salt Lake City.

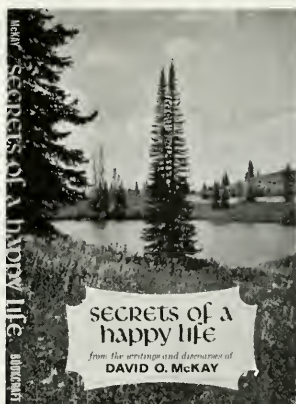
This year an additional 1,000 seats have been added. Tickets can be obtained at Temple Square on the day of the performance.

LDS German Youth Wants To Spend Summer In England

★ A German Mormon youth, Hubertus Wietholtz, 18 years of age, desires to spend the summer holidays in England. Because he is to pass his final examination at school in one year, he desires to take advantage of an opportunity to improve his English. Therefore he desires to work at a hospital as a "nursur" or at a farm in the country.

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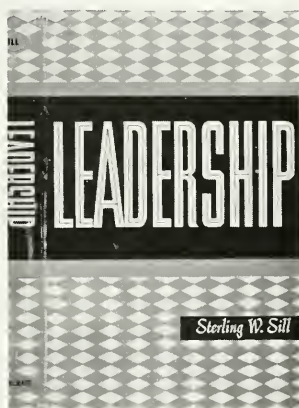
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JANE'S WITCH

By Doreen L. Lucas

An award winning short story

★ The 'witch' reclined in the chair beneath the apple tree, her thin blue hands clasped loosely together in her lap, her face in repose was etched with lines of age and suffering, but at the corners of her eyes fine lines of humour were slowly becoming visible.

"He'll come back, I know he will" she said as she looked upward through the boughs of the apple tree.

"He'll come back" she said again.

She closed her eyes and like a tired child fell asleep immediately.

Carol walked softly across the grass towards the sleeping figure, holding a finger to her lips as she did so. The child following behind hesitated and took a firmer hold on her stick, resting as she did so. Her leg was encased in plaster and she found it difficult to move quickly. Her mother stood by the old lady and said softly, "We will not disturb her yet."

She continued to look at the sleeper,

months of memories flooding back as she did so. That never-to-be-forgotten morning when Jane had come tearing into the house shouting as she came through the door.

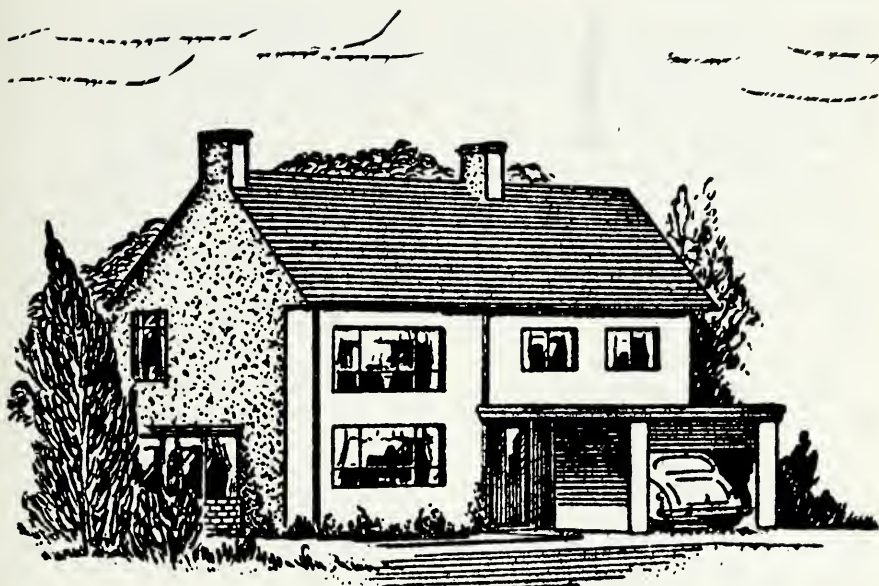
"Mummy, Mummy, there's a witch in that corner house."

Her Mother had paused in her work to look at the child. She appeared terrified and incoherent. Impatiently at first she tried to quieten her by telling her that it was nonsense.

"It's true, there is a witch in the window. Her hair is all over her face, she has claws for hands. I saw them tapping the window when we went into her garden."

"There are no such beings as witches dear" retorted Carol, "She is only a very old lady living on her own."

"No Mummy. Everyone says she is a witch so we went to see. We only saw her head and one arm scratching at the glass."



The Corner House

Carol had heard of the witch of the Corner House, but as she and her family had only just moved into the district, there had been no time to learn the true facts. This story of Jane's disturbed her. Their neighbours had mentioned that the dark house on the corner opposite was occupied by an old woman who, when her son had ran away to sea years ago, had shut herself away from everyone. No one was encouraged to call, so she had become a recluse.

"Has she no relations?" Carol had asked.

"None that we know of" was the reply. "Her husband died when the baby was six months old."

That night Carol had lain awake thinking about the lonely recluse.

The day dawned bright and warm. Carol quickly disposed of the breakfast dishes, tidying her hair she made her way out into the garden, through the gate and across the road to the house

on the corner. Opening the gate slowly she paused before making her way up the overgrown path. Although sadly neglected, the garden was beautiful.

House Neglected

She continued to pick her way carefully along the path. The whole house gave the appearance of having been badly neglected. Raising her hand to the knocker she glanced through a nearby window and gasped. Net curtains had been moved to the side and Carol could see someone lying in a crumpled heap near a table.

Quickly entering the house she crossed the room to where the still form lay. It was that of an old lady. Carol judged her to be about seventy years. Her white hair was untidy and hung about her shoulders, her arm was thrown across her face to protect it and her knees were drawn up as if she were in pain. Carol knelt beside her and gently moved the arm from the face.

It was death-like. There was a gash over one eye and a bruise on the lower part of the left cheek. She moaned as Carol felt for broken bones.

"You poor dear, you poor poor dear."

Carol felt her eyes fill with tears. How cruel can people be, to leave a lonely soul like this to fend for herself. Gently lifting the old lady in her arms, she laid her on the bed. Quickly going to the front door she called to Jane who had by this time made her way as far as the garden gate.

"Jane, run home get the first aid box, bring a small bowl and a towel please dear."

She turned and made her way back into the house, and into the front room again.

She needed no second glance to realise that the old lady was very ill. She must have tried to attract the children's attention in the garden the day before and had slipped, hitting her head on the corner of the table.

Jane's footsteps could be heard hurrying up the path but they hesitated at the door.

"Come in Jane. I need your help."

The child slowly entered the room.

"Run home again and ring up for the doctor. Ask him to come as soon as he can as there is an old lady very ill and injured from a fall. Don't waste time after making the call, come straight back here."

Jane who was none too happy inside the house, ran quickly from the room.

Carol looked at the unconscious woman and suddenly felt uncertain, afraid. If only she had help. Dropping to her knees she closed her eyes and holding the old lady's hand she prayed.

"Father, help me to administer to

this sick sister, guide my hands and let me remember the lessons I have received in my First Aid Classes at Relief Society."

Time For Prayers

Her prayer was simple, her heart so full of pity for this sister. Rising to her feet she felt suddenly calm; making her way out to the kitchen she filled a kettle with water and put it onto the stove. Filling the bowl that Jane had brought with warm water, she was just about to add a little antiseptic when from outside there came the squeal of brakes, a sickening thud and the scream of a child. Carol felt herself grow cold. For a moment she was rooted to the spot—but only for a moment. She sped down the path to the gate. Her eyes were drawn instinctively to the small huddled figure lying in the road and to the car slewed across the way. A man was standing dazed beside it. Jane lay beside her bike, its front wheel crushed and twisted. Carol heard someone scream, a far off sound it seemed to her, and then she realised that it was her own voice.

"Jane, Jane." She threw herself down beside the child. Jane neither moved nor answered. Carol was about to pick her up when a voice came to her in her dazed condition.

"Don't touch her Mrs. White."

Carol looked up to see her doctor. How had he known Jane needed him, she thought numbly? How had he managed to come so quickly? Jane had only just been knocked down. Her mind had ceased to function properly. She continued to kneel in the road. Someone gently raised her up.

"She is in good hands now Mrs. White."

Short Story

Help Arrives

Within a short while the ambulance was on the spot, willing hands were lifting Jane's unconscious form into it. Carol was making her way to it's door to go with her when something made her hesitate. — The old lady! She had forgotten her! The doctor stood beside her and took her arm but she shook her head.

"Doctor, I can do nothing up at the hospital, Jane will be in good hands. I have another patient who has no-one. Take my child up and please return as soon as possible. I need you here urgently."

The doctor realising Carol was referring to the old lady whom her little girl had phoned about, held her hand firmly for a moment and said "God bless you. I'll be back as soon as Jane is settled in."

Pulling herself together she made her way quickly back to the old lady. She lay as she had left her, still and white. Suddenly Carol wanted to scream at her, to blame her for Jane's accident.

"I came to help and my Heavenly Father has allowed that to happen. I don't understand. God is love but where is the love in this." She looked around the room—cold and friendless, then at the white face on the pillow.

Asks Forgiveness

"Dear God, what am I saying—What evil influence is here. Bowing her head, her hands clasped, she quietly prayed.

The two weeks that followed kept Carol from worrying too much over Jane although her injuries had been serious, a leg broken in two places and concussion. She knew that the child was having the best of attention in the hospital and she had been able to visit her for a few minutes daily. Simon her

young son of four years was with his Grandparents. Jane's 'witch' had been carefully transferred into Carol's spare bedroom and apart from visiting her child at the hospital she had remained within call of the old lady day and night.

The loving attention she had received those first few days were the saving of the invalid's life.

Carol's thoughts came back to the present: she leaned over the little old lady as she slept—

"May God forgive me" she whispered. She turned towards Jane who was looking askance at her Mother.

"May I tell her the news Mummy?—please—. I do so want to see her face when she knows."

"Yes dear. This shall be your privilege. Tell her quietly and carefully so as not to excite her. In the meantime I will go indoors to our visitor. He will join you when you have talked to Nana Day."

She made her way back to the house and joined a middle aged man standing by the open door.

"She is asleep but Jane will wake her in a moment."

News of The Son

The man looked at Carol.

"Bless you and your family."

They stood together looking across the lawn to where the child and the old lady were talking. They heard Jane's laughter and saw her raise her hand and beckon. The man hesitated for a moment. Carol saw that his cheeks were wet with tears. He brushed his hand across his eyes and squaring his shoulders walked across the grass to his Mother. Jane left them together and joined her Mother.

"What happened to him Mummy after he ran away to sea?

"He was in a fight abroad and lost

his memory for many years. Some kind people took him in and he has lived in France until a few weeks ago when he had a fall from a ladder and was in the hospital with concussion, just as you had. When he recovered consciousness he remembered who he was. The rest you know. He returned to England and found Nana Day here."

Prayers Answered

"Prayers are answered aren't they Mummy?"

Carol looked at her daughter and smiled.

"Yes, always. Not always as we would want them, but in the way our Father knows would be best for us. Do you remember how we prayed that Nana Day would join us in our Family evening and the surprise she gave us?"

"Yes I do" retorted Jane, and laughed happily.

But what Jane did not know was just how that wonderful evening had come about. Carol had been passing Nana Day's room just before tea and she heard Simon talking. She had meant to call him out for fear his ceaseless chatter would worry the old lady, although she was much better after weeks of nursing.

"You say thank you, first" Carol heard him say "then you ask for things and you say in Jesus name after. Why don't you come to our Family home evening Nana Day? You watch us 'cause I see you, but you 'tend you don't. Why don't you sit with us?"

The old lady made no reply for a

moment. Then she chuckled.

"You are like my little boy used to be. He was sharp too. Maybe I will sit with you to-night."

"I won't tell anyone. It's our secret Nana Day."

A Child Leads Way

At their Family evening that night, the old lady holding Simon's hand tightly, drew her chair into the family circle and waited quietly for the evening to commence. She listened intently to all that was said, smiling as the children took part. Father was just about to ask Simon to pray when Nana Day rose shakely to her feet. Simon's hand found it's way into her hand as he stood beside her, his eager little face looked up into her's. They all heard his childish voice whisper "Don't forget to say 'thank you' first." The words came slowly and hesitatingly, then the voice gathered strength. The family gathered around heard the broken 'thanks' of an old lady. As Carol listened, her heart too full for words, she heard her husband say quietly.

"And a little child shall lead them."

She looked up and smiled across the room at him.

Carol looked across the lawn to where Mother and son sat together—his arm around her shoulders, heads close as they talked. She sighed contentedly. Jane was getting stronger daily and would soon walk without her stick. Nana Day's son was back and that was due to their many prayers. Dear Nana Day—Jane's beloved witch.





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★ Though not many in numbers, the young men and women attending the first National LDS Students convention, made up for this in spirit and fellowship, at the Leicester Stake Centre, March 29, 30 and 31.

Under the able leadership of Graham Stott, president of the Deseret Club and Peter L. Joyce, secretary, the programme was planned and scheduled to the very minute. The idea for the convention came from the ex-president, Gilbert McCabe, formerly at Christ Church, Oxford and now in business in Ireland, who also aided at the convention.

Both Bro. Stott and Bro. Joyce are students at Oxford. They reported approximately 100 LDS students attending universities throughout England at present. They felt the 35 in attendance was a good response and are eager in advance plans for next year's convention.

Convention plans included digs for

the two nights, recreational and sports on Saturday with spiritual aspects receiving the main focus of attention on Sunday.

Following registration and reception Friday evening they staged a grand hootenanny around the campfire until 10 p.m.

Saturday began early with a 7 a.m. run followed by a Book of Mormon study group. After breakfast the first conference session was themed to "Role in Church and Community" with Bro. Stott treating the subject. "The dichotomy of Church and State" followed by Pres. Joseph Hamstead of London Stake on "Church and Community Morality." Next Michael Jones of Queen's (Belfast) spoke of missionary responsibilities and Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission concluded with the "Interpretation of the Theme."

The second session after the morn-



Deseret Club members as they met at Leicester Stake Centre.

Deseret Clubs

Deseret Club's First All British Convention



Between convention sessions Deseret Club members rehearsed special music.



One of several discussion groups, this one with Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission.

ing break was themed to "Development through leadership — towards the Temple" with Derek Cuthbert of the Central British Mission presidency, speaking on "Development of Leadership." "The Concept of Progression" was treated by William Brown-Lee a member of The Millennial Star Board of Directors, in place of Gwen Cannon, feature writer for the Millennial Star, excused because of illness in her family.

Bro. McCabe spoke to "Integration" and Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission concluded with "Interpretation of Theme."

Meals were prepared and served by the Relief Society of the Leicester

Ward.

Following lunch sports were participated in until 5 p.m. when discussion groups were led by Roger Jones, Thames Valley District presidency. In the evening the convention joined the stake M.I.A. for a dance.

Sunday morning the priesthood class lesson was presented by Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor of The Millennial Star, who developed some new points as to how to magnify one's calling (priesthood) and why such is important. This was followed by a testimony meeting wherein everyone expressed the convention was a success and felt each had been enriched by attendance.

World Genealogy Meet Planned by Church in Salt Lake City

★ As part of the Diamond Jubilee Conference of the Genealogical Society in 1969 a worldwide convention and seminar for genealogists and genealogical organizations will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

According to Elder Theodore M. Burton, Assistant to the Twelve, and vice president and general manager of the Society, which will sponsor the conference and seminar, it will promote unity and co-operation between genealogists who supervise the genealogical records of the world.

"We plan to ask renowned genealogists and scholars to give papers, to have exhibits and booths prepared by interesting commercial companies who supply computers, cameras, filing sys-

tems, reading machines, etc. and by publishing houses for the genealogical trade."

The Genealogical Conference will be conducted in the Salt Lake County Civic Auditorium complex (Salt Palace), Aug. 5-8, 1969, shortly after that huge new auditorium is completed.

In connection with the conference, tours will be planned to various scenic and historical areas of the city, a fellowship banquet, and a Sunday worship service in the Salt Lake Tabernacle is scheduled under the direction of the First Presidency.

Elder Burton is hopeful some type of worldwide genealogical organization can be forthcoming from the conference.

Children's Section

My Baby Brother

I have a baby brother,
His name is Dale Lee,
I wouldn't change him for another,
He's the best you'll ever see.

His feet and hands are very small,
His hair is shiny brown,
He can't sit up yet, not at all,
He only can lie down.

We wait upon him day and night,
He waves his hands about,
And he always gets a fright,
When someone starts to shout.



Yvonne Herbertson

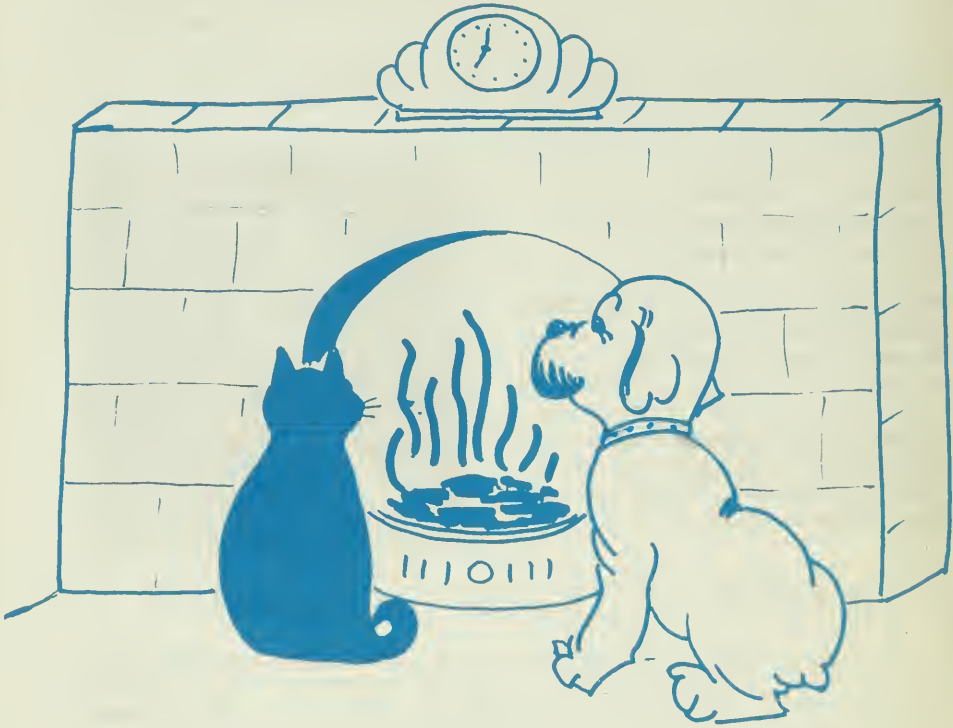
Glasgow Ward, Glasgow Stake
(Note: Yvonne had her poem and
picture published in a national Sunday
newspaper.)

A Tulip

A tulip is a pretty flower
And far above they tower
They look pretty in a flower bed
And I think they look nice in red.

—Ruth Moffatt, age 11





It's Trying That Counts

By Una V. Budge

Children's Section

★ Jonty licked his paw and passed it behind his left ear. Ears were important, he thought; he had often heard Missus tell the twins to wash behind them, and even Alan, who was nine, still had to be reminded. The family were getting ready for the day's work: Master had already kissed everyone, rushed out, rushed back again for his umbrella, and gone, forgetting to shut the garden gate. Alan was finishing his breakfast, alone at the table, reading and spooning cornflakes rather drippily into his mouth. The twins were putting on their clothes: Sally had lost one sandal. Every morning the twins "lost" something. Yesterday it was Martin's scarf, today it was Sally's sandal, and tomorrow it would be the purse they took charge of in turn, with their fares and dinner money.

"Oh Sally" Jonty heard the Missus say, "You really must try to remember where you leave things."

Then Jonty heard them all laughing: Baby Michael, singing loudly in his chair, was sitting on the missing sandal. Sally put it on, and the twins were ready. Jonty raised his smooth, shining black head and looked across to where Alan, now finished, was still reading. Jonty told him to hurry, but although Alan heard him, he could not understand cat language. Just then there was a heavy scratching and whining at the garden door. Outside, wet and muddy, stood the last member of the family, Ben, the Boxer dog. Alan ran to let him in, though he knew that Ben should go round to the kitchen door.

"Oh Ben, you should go round to the kitchen door," said Alan, as Ben hurled himself in, rushed to the hearthrug, and flopped his damp enormous body in

front of the fire with great pants of pleasure and gratitude.

"You're very wet, too" said Alan, stroking his big head.

"Alan" called the Missus, "are you ready? Twinnies are waiting for you."

"Coming, Mummy."

"Well, hurry up. You always keep them waiting, you know. It's too bad of you."

"Sorry, Mummy."

Alan knelt to stroke Jonty and kiss him goodbye. Jonty rubbed his fine whiskers against Alan's face, every whisker except one as black as boot polish. Alan thought him the most beautiful cat in the whole world.

"Goodbye, Jonty" said Alan.

"Alan, please do hurry," called his mother.

"Coming, Mummy." He buried his face in Jonty's fur. "I must learn to be quicker," he said; "I think I'll make a resolution to be quicker."

The Missus came in: she looked rather cross, which was unusual.

"Now Alan . . ." she began, and saw Ben.

"Sorry Mummy," said Alan. "I did let him in—but he isn't very dirty, only wet, and he's nearly dry now. I've just been making a resolution, Mummy. I'm going to be quicker at doing things—truly I am."

Missus smiled, her crossness forgotten. She loved Alan very much.

"Well, that's very nice. But if you've made a resolution you'll have to try and keep it, won't you? Perhaps we'd better work out how to help you, mm? Get ready now, there's a good boy."

They all went out, and presently good-byes were being called, the door closed, and except for Michael's singing, the house was suddenly quiet.

"What's a resolution?" grunted Ben, his chin on his paws.

"It's when you promise you'll be different, I think," said Jonty.

"I don't want to be different," said Ben.

"Well, it's if you want to change things that other people don't like, then? Like Alan being slow: he doesn't mind being slow, but Missus doesn't like it, and you know they said at school in his last report that he was clever and worked hard but he was very slow. You have to be quick for things like examinations."

"I'm glad I don't have examinations" said Ben.

"But you could be different — you could go to the kitchen door instead of here. Missus says your feet dirty the floor when you come in here."

"They don't hear me if I go to the



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kitchen door, though," said Ben.

"Of course, I don't think I need to be different," purred Jonty.

"Well, you do then," growled Ben. "You're lazy: Master says so. Just last night he said 'that cat's so lazy he wouldn't kill a mouse if it was sitting on his tail!'

Jonty twitched his fine tail indignantly.

"All right: I'll make a resolution, then. I'll bring in a mouse instead of making Missus open a tin of food. What resolution are you going to make? Something that'll help someone, it's got to be."

Ben thought hard. His thinking powers were rather limited. Presently he said, "I'll fetch Master's slippers for him. That will save Missus getting them."

They both felt so proud of their resolutions that they curled up and went to sleep, and forgot all about them until Missus called them for their dinner. As they ate, Jonty suddenly remembered:

"Ben," he said, "I forgot about saving Missus trouble. Never mind, I'll fetch in a mouse for supper. Perhaps it'll have stopped raining by then."

"Remind me about Master's slippers" said Ben, as they settled down again by the fire.

Everything was very quiet: Michael was asleep and Missus was doing the ironing. It was warm and cosy in the kitchen, but neither of them slept. Jonty was planning where to find a

mouse and how he would stalk and kill it. He thought how pleased Missus would be when he brought it to her: Missus had a lovely smile, and when Jonty was a good cat she would tickle him under his chin in the most delightful way. Ben was thinking about the cupboard where Master kept his slippers. It was no easy job to fetch anything from it: besides slippers, it contained old newspapers, cardboard boxes, gardening boots, the children's Wellingtons and a large black hairy spider. Ben was scared of spiders, but he had made a resolution, and it must be kept.

Presently Jonty went out through the kitchen window, which was always kept open for him. Mice these days were hard to get: they were fat and clever. You had to creep up very quietly behind them and pounce very swiftly—Jonty's whiskers twitched; he had smelled a mouse and very soon he would have one. Meanwhile Ben had bustled into the sitting room and nosed open the cupboard door to find Master's slippers. They had been hidden away somewhere—perhaps under this big box? It was unfortunate that the box was full of those shavings that are used for packing breakable things; when Ben's sharp teeth seized the box, it tore open, and presently there were shavings everywhere, a terrible mess.

"Ben!" shrieked Missus, coming in to set the tea, "you bad dog! What are you doing?" She actually slapped him; not that it hurt his tough hairy back, but it wounded his feelings. He tried to explain, but it was no use. And then, after all, Master's slippers were sitting there under his chair. Poor Ben! He lay down miserably. What use were resolutions, he wondered. Missus went



to fetch dustpan and brush to clear up the mess, and there stood Jonty, a fat mouse in his mouth. He laid it gently in front of her, and stood proudly over it, lifting his chin to be scratched—at least she should be pleased at his hunting skill, he thought. But Missus gave another and even louder shriek than before, and jumped back.

"Jonty—no!" she exclaimed. "Oh, you horrible cat, killing poor little mice like that. Really, you two animals are more trouble than the children ever knew how to be. Now, take it out at once."

Jonty lowered his tail, picked up the mouse, and made a dignified exit. He wasn't going to let Missus see he was upset, but suddenly his appetite for the

juicy mouse was gone. He hid it under a bush: perhaps later he could fancy it.

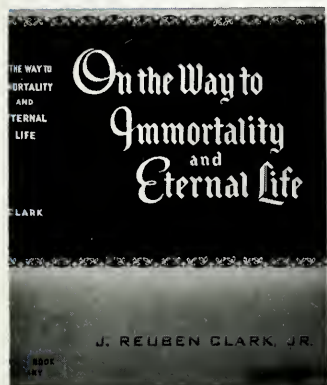
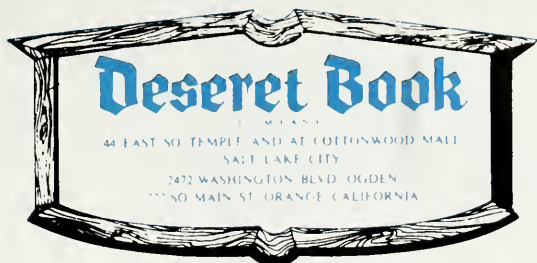
Late that night, when everyone was in bed, Alan crept downstairs to where Ben and Jonty lay together on the hearthrug, comforting each other. He nestled between them, kissed Jonty's smooth head and Ben's wrinkled face, and hugged them both.

"Never mind," he whispered. "I love you both, and so does Mummy. She says it isn't what you do that's important, it's trying that counts."

He tiptoed upstairs again, and Jonty leaned his head on Ben's great shoulder.

"That's right, you know, Ben" purred Jonty, thinking it over "it's trying that counts."





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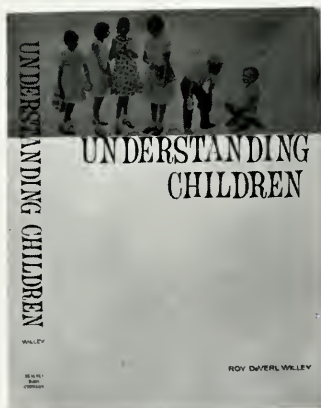
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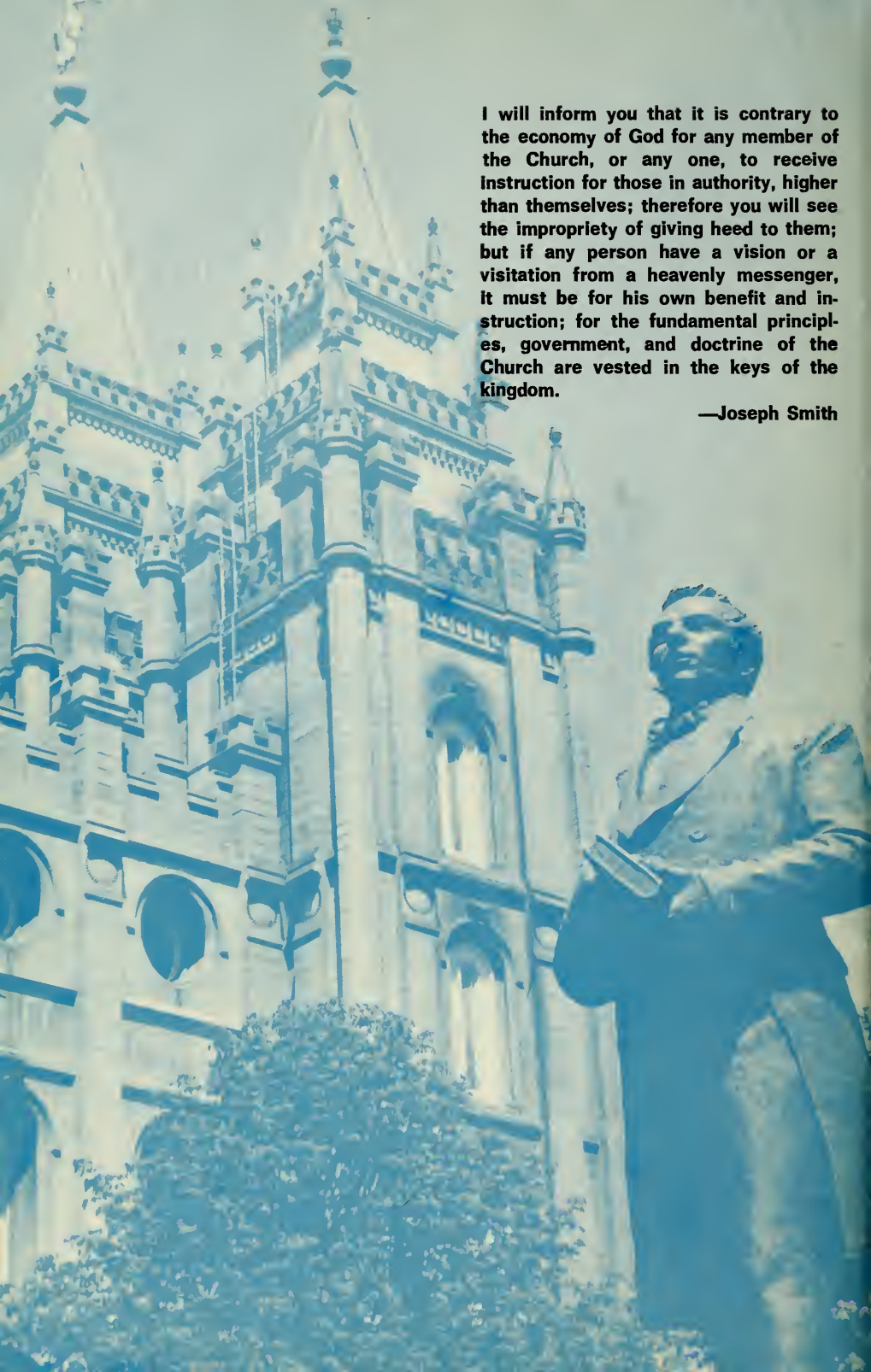
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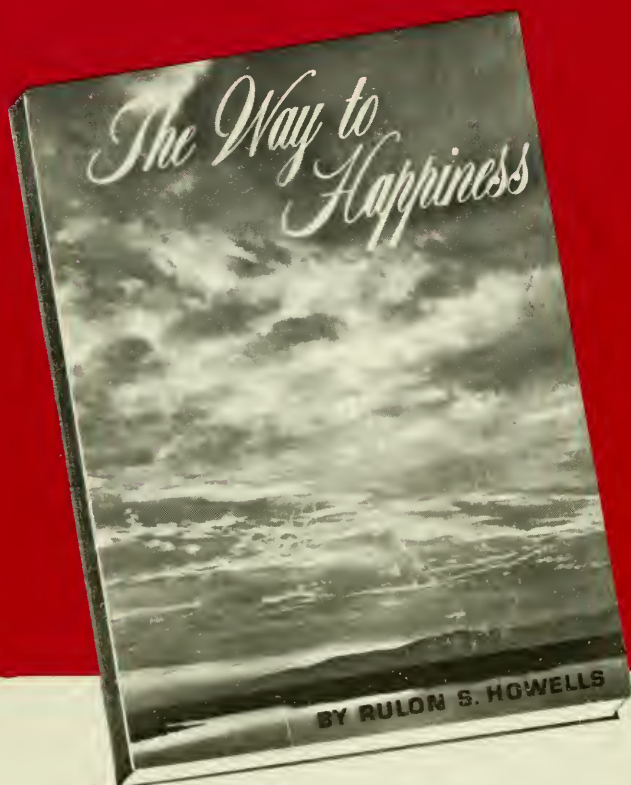
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Church Names Four Authorities At 138th Annual General Conference

By Henry A. Smith, Church Press Secretary

★ Two General Authorities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were advanced to new assignments and two new leaders were named to fill vacancies as the authorities and officers were sustained Saturday afternoon in General Conference.

Elder Alvin R. Dyer, who was ordained an apostle last October, was named as a counselor in the First Presidency.

Elder Marion D. Hanks, a member of the First Council of Seventy since 1953, was named as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Hartman Rector Jr., of Fairfax, Va., senior president of the 542nd Quorum of



President Alvin R. Dyer



Elder Marion D. Hanks



Elder Hartman Rector Jr. and Sister Rector.



Elder Loren C. Dunn and Sister Dunn.

Seventy in the Potomac Stake and Loren Charles Dunn, a native of Tooele, Utah, and now a resident of Natick, Mass., and first counselor in the New England Mission Presidency, were named to the First Council of the Seventy.

These new officers were presented to the Conference as those assembled in the Tabernacle voted to sustain the General Authorities and general officers of the Church. The names were presented by President Hugh B. Brown.

Other business of the Conference included reading of the annual report by Joseph W. Anderson, clerk of the Conference; and the annual auditor's report was read by Harold H. Bennett of the Church Finance Committee. .

The appointment of President Dyer as a counselor brings to six the number of members in the First Presidency. These include President David O. McKay with President Brown as first counselor; President N. Eldon Tanner as second counselor; and Presidents Joseph Fielding Smith; Thorpe B. Isaacson, and Alvin R. Dyer as counselors in the First Presidency.

Elder Hanks fills the vacancy in the Assistants to the Twelve occasioned by the ordination last October of President Dyer as an apostle.

The two new members of the First Council of Seventy fill vacancies in that council occasioned by the death last October of Elder Antoine R. Ivins and the advancement of Elder Hanks.

Biographical Sketch On President Dyer

★ Elder Alvin R. Dyer was sustained and ordained an Apostle during the October Conference of 1967. He had previously served as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since October 11, 1958. In January of 1952 he returned from Europe, where he presided over the European Mission for two years, with headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany.

Elder Dyer was an engineer in the heating and ventilation field, once holding membership in the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. During World War II he served as a member of the American Military Engineers, acting as a consultant during

the early part of the war. At one time he was active with the Exchange Club. During his service as president of the Central States Mission, he became a member of the Missouri Historical Society, a membership he still holds.

Elder Dyer's education, beyond High School, has been obtained largely on a self-teaching basis. He took many correspondence courses to get needed information for his profession. He has no professional interests at present, devoting all of his time to the Church.

One of 13 children, Elder Dyer was born January 1, 1903, in Salt Lake City to Alfred Robert and Harriet Walsh Dyer. He married May Elizabeth Jackson in the Salt Lake Temple. They have

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two children: Gloria May Klein and Brent Rulon.

In April 1958 he was called, while still president of the Central States Mission, to be the First Assistant General Superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. After seven months he became a General Authority.

Elder Dyer has held many other positions in the Church, extending back to 1924 when he returned from a 26-month mission in the Eastern States, where he was the supervising elder of the New York District. He served for eight years

on two stake high councils, the Salt Lake Stake and the Riverside. He later served as Sunday School superintendent of the Yalecrest Ward of the Bonneville Stake, and upon division of that ward, he served as second counselor in the bishopric of the Monument Park Ward and then as bishop.

Elder Dyer is the author of many books, some dealing with history, such as "The Refiner's Fire" and "This Age of Confusion," and most recent "Who Am I?"

Elder Hanks Assistant To The Twelve

★ Elder Marion D. Hanks, a General Authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was named to the First Council of Seventy in 1953.

He has been prominent in civic affairs, particularly in the field of youth development. In 1957 he was appointed a member of the United States President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness. He has been a speaker at youth conferences throughout the United States and in foreign countries.

Elder Hanks is currently serving as editor of the *Era of Youth*, a monthly Church publication for youth.

Among his civic services, Elder Hanks was the first chairman of the Utah Committee on Children and Youth, a board member of the national "Opera-

tion Fitness" programme, member of the Board of Weber College and of the College of Southern Utah. He now serves on the Board of Trustees of BYU and is a member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He has been for many years a teacher and served for a number of years in the leadership of Temple Square. He filled a mission in the northern United States. Recently he and his family spent several years in England and Europe in mission leadership there. Currently Elder Hanks serves as supervisor of the Orient-Hawaii Missions, under the direction of Elder Gordon B. Hinckley.

Born in Salt Lake City into a family of seven children, he was two years old when his father died. He was reared

by his widowed mother. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the law school of the University of Utah.

During World War II Elder Hanks served aboard a submarine chaser in

the Pacific, both on the line and as acting ship's chaplain.

Elder Hanks married Miss Maxine Christensen in the Hawaii Temple and they are the parents of four daughters and one son.

Elder Loren Dunn, Native Of Tooele, Utah

★ Elder Loren Charles Dunn lives in Natick, Massachusetts, and is director of communications for the New England Council for Economic Development with headquarters in Boston.

He is currently serving as first counselor in the presidency of the New England Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mission president is Elder Boyd K. Packer, an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, with headquarters in Cambridge.

Elder Dunn is a native of Tooele, Utah, and a son of the late Alex F. Dunn and Carol Horsfall Dunn. His father was formerly president of the Tooele Stake and publisher of the Tooele Transcript Bulletin.

Elder Dunn was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Sharon Longden of Salt Lake City, a daughter of Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and La Rue C. Longden. The Duns have two children, Kevin L., 7, and Kimberly Dunn, 2.

(Sister Longden is a former member of the general presidency of the Young Woman's Mutual Improvement Association)

The new General Authority was graduated from the Brigham Young University with a BS degree in journalism. While at the BYU from 1949 to 1953 he was a well-known sports figure as centre on the school's basketball squad. He was on the BYU team which in 1951 won the conference championship and went on to win the National Invitational Tournament championship. This team also toured South America winning many contests.

From 1958 to 1961 Elder Dunn was editor of the Tooele Transcript. He then went to Boston University where he received an MS degree in public relations in 1966. In 1962 he was assistant director of public relations for the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund in New York City, and in 1963 assumed his present position with the New England Council.

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Elder Dunn was in the U.S. Army in Europe from 1956 to 1958. He is a director elect of the Boston Rotary Club, a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the New England Press Association and Sigma Delta Chi.

He served a mission to Australia in 1954-56, where he was a counselor to the mission president. He was a group leader for LDS Servicemen in Aschaffenburg, Germany, then an Explorer Post advisor in Tooele before going to

New England. He was superintendent of the New England Mission MIA for a year before being made a counselor in the mission presidency in 1962.

Mrs. Dunn is presently Young Women's MIA president of the Boston Stake and before that served in the stake Primary presidency and a member of the mission Relief Society presidency. She is a graduate of the University of Utah and for three years was an interior decorator with the Bennett Glass and Paint Company of Salt Lake City.

Elder Rector Called From Potomac Stake In Virginia

★ Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., is presently a senior president of the 542nd Quorum of Seventy in the Potomac Stake and was formerly Washington Stake Mission president. He lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

He is a former naval aviator, presently holds the rank of captain in the United States Naval Reserve, and for ten years has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he is programme and budget analyst in the office of Budget and Finance.

Elder Rector is a convert to the Church of 1952 along with his wife, Constance Kirk Daniel, who he married in 1947. They are the parents of seven children, the eldest son, Koel Kirk, now serving in the Brazilian South Mission.

Elder Rector was born August 20, 1924, at Moberly, Missouri, a son of Hartman and Vivian Fay Garvin Rector. He was reared on a farm near Moberly where he graduated from high school and junior college. In 1942 he enlisted in the naval reserve cadet programme, became a naval aviator and was commissioned in 1945 with the rank of Ensign. He went on inactive duty in 1947 but was recalled in 1951 during the Korean War and saw action in Korea remaining on active duty until April, 1958.

During his service in the navy he received additional education at Murray State Teachers College in Kentucky, the Makato State Teachers College in Minnesota, the University of Georgia and the University of Southern California.

He was ordained an elder in 1952 and a seventy in May, 1965. He has served the Church in many positions since his baptism including four years as a stake missionary during which time his converts numbered 47. He was a counselor for one year in the Washington Stake Mission and for two years was stake mission president. He was a president

in the 253rd Quorum of Seventy for three years; stake MIA superintendent for three years and for five years now has been in the presidency of the 542nd Quorum. He also serves as a ward seminary teacher.

Mrs. Rector has also served in many Church positions and is presently in the Potomac Stake Relief Society presidency.

ORDINATIONS

★ Brethren ordained to the office of Elder in the Melchizedek priesthood in the British Mission at the first and second quarterly district conferences:

James F. Stannard	Branch
Anthony J. Moule	Southend
Edward Michael Brady	Southend
Robert F. W. Harris	Canterbury
Robert S. Solly	Folkestone
Derek Erridge	Canterbury
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Trevor J. Watling	Colchester
Robert P. Franklin	Colchester
John H. Bradley	Cambridge
Eric P. Horstman	Braintree
Edgar W. R. Hook	Lowestoft

★ Edgar William Robert Hook. Lowestoft Branch, Norwich District, British Mission, to elder.

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The Prophet Speaks

President McKay Cites Tragedy Of Disbelief



President David O. McKay

PERSONAL TESIMONY OF PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

★ "I know that Jesus lives . . . I know because I have heard His voice, and I have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His Kingdom here on earth. I know that His Father, our Creator, lives. I know that They appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith . . ."

★ Revered President David O. McKay opened the 138th annual General Conference of The Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, April 5, citing wide disbelief in God and His goodness in the world as being the chief tragedy today.

The answer to this tragic condition, he declared, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the man or woman living nearest its teachings being happiest and most content.

He urged everyone to apply the teachings of the Master to his life:

"Jesus' teachings may be applied just as efficaciously to social groups and national problems as to individuals if men would only give them a trial."

The 94-year-old prophet said if members of the Church and others would live the principles given by the Saviour the world would be a happier place for all.

President McKay directed attention to the literal Resurrection of Jesus Christ, upon which early Christianity was founded in the minds of the Apostles, declaring this Resurrection was a reality to those disciples who personally knew the Christ.

"They were witnesses of the fact. They knew, because their eyes beheld, their ears heard their hands felt the corporeal presence of the Risen Redeemer." In their minds there was absolutely no doubt.

"If a miracle is a supernatural event," said President McKay. "whose antecedent forces are beyond man's finite wisdom, then the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most stupendous miracle of all time. In it stands revealed the omnipotence of God and the immortality of man."

Witness in this dispensation that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ was given by the Prophet Joseph Smith who bore solemn testimony that "I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear him!" (Pearl of Great Price)

A perfect example of an ideal life to live can be found in that of the life of Jesus, President McKay said.

Furthering his remarks as to the virtues in the Saviour's life, President McKay said, "If the Church fails to make men true, fails to foster moral manhood, then there is no reason for its existence, and its pretention to be Christ's Church is a farce.

"No man can be a true member of this Church and not love the truth. Being true is a fundamental doctrine of the Church . . . What an important element in character building truth is. A man who is true is upright, is conscientious, is honorable in all his dealings; he is faithful in fulfilling his obligations; he is trustworthy and diligent in the performance of duty; he is true to himself and therefore, to his fellowmen and to his God."

President McKay further declared that justice is rendering to every man his due and to be just, one must of necessity be honest, fair and impartial. "He will be respectful and reverential. It is impossible for a man to be just and at the same time disrespectful or irreverent; for when disrespectful or irreverent, he is unjust in not giving respect and reverence where they are merited. True manhood possesses justice, and is an attribute of divine nature."

Latter-day Saints should be completely honest in all their dealings—in buying and selling, he said.

"It means that an honest debt can never be outlawed, and that a man's word is better than his bond. It means that we will be honest in our dealing with the Lord for 'true honesty takes into account the claims of God as well as those of men; it renders to God the things that are God's as well as to man the things that are man's."

Great as are the other virtues as wisdom, knowledge and benevolence, they do not seem so practical and applicable to daily life as the virtue of self control, emphasized President McKay.

He declared, "self-control means the government and regulation of all our natural appetites, desires, passions, and affections; and there is nothing which gives a man strength of character as the sense of self-conquest—the realization that he can make his appetites and passions serve him, and that he is not a servant of them."

The Word of Wisdom is one of the most practical teachings of the Church regarding this principle of self-control, the white haired prophet said.

President David O. McKay, second from left, being briefed at General Conference opening in historic Salt Lake Tabernacle. Talking with him is President N. Eldon Tanner, left of the First Presidency as President Hugh B. Brown observes. At right of President Brown are President Joseph Fielding Smith and President Thorpe B. Isaacson, counselors to the First Presidency.



President McKay's Closing Address: Mere Belief Not Sufficient

★ A call for a return to faith in the living Christ, a faith that will put purpose into life and courage into the heart, was termed by President David O. McKay as the greatest need of the world today.

His closing message of the 138th annual General Conference in Salt Lake City cited the "need of the Gospel of application—a Gospel that is preached by noble acts that command the attention and respect even of enemies.

"A mere belief in Jesus as a great Teacher, or even as the greatest Man who ever lived, has proved inadequate in combating the ills of society and the world."

President McKay emphatically declared that "what is really essential is faith in Him as a Divine Being—as our Lord and Saviour! It is such faith as the Apostle Peter experienced when he declared: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'"

Urging people everywhere to think more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Latter-day Prophet asked everyone "to devote more time to the real things in life, and less time to those things which will perish."

Latter-day Saints in particular were advised to spend more time acquiring truth through study, by faith and prayer

and to seek after everything that is "virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy."

Parents and officers and teachers were warned by President McKay to teach more diligently and earnestly the principles of life and salvation to the youth, and to the world, in order to help youth keep a proper balance through the formative period of their lives.

"We know what the Gospel stands for. If we live it and feel it; if we speak well of it, of the priesthood, of our families, or our neighbours, we shall feel happier, and in reality we shall be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

He urged parents to give their children religious training and development of character, and to discharge their (the parents') responsibility by making an environment in home, in school, in Church, and in our communities that will be uplifting, wholesome, and faith inspiring.

President McKay also urged members of the Church not to wait until some special occasion to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "the duty devolves upon each of us to proclaim that good news every day of our lives."

He urged the guarding of tongues and thoughts and testified to the reality of our Father in Heaven and His desire to answer our prayers.

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Constantly Prepare For Future Advises President Brown

★ Members of the Priesthood, especially those in their adolescence, were charged to keep in mind the challenging fact that "your aim is not to get ahead of others but to surpass yourself; to begin today to be the person you want to be; to immortalize today and all the tomorrows that lie ahead in order that your life may have eternal significance.

"Cultivate an unquenchable appetite for learning," advised President Hugh

B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

He urged young people to carry their laughter over into their mature years since a wholesome sense of humor "will be a safety valve" which will enable you to apply the lighter touch to heavy problems and to learn some lessons in problem solving which 'sweat and tears' often fail to dissolve.

President Brown reminded youth of



President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

the fast moving changing times and society faced with a new world bursting upon it. "The times require that we prepare to meet the demands of the future, make the required sacrifices, enjoy its rewards and priceless privileges and accommodate ourselves to the universal law of change.

"To that end our first charge to you is, 'Be Prepared.' Constantly prepare and continue to prepare for the future—your future—to which you are expected to make significant contributions. Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge.

"Education is but another word for the preparation we admonish", President Brown told his male audience. "What to do after high school is one of life's pivotal questions which must be answered by you with resolution. Your answer, if buttressed by courage and stamina, will determine in large measure how you will spend the balance of your lives. It is therefore of transcendent importance."

He pointed also to the temptations and down-drag along the way—"subtle whisperings intended to induce you to forsake your quest for knowledge and be led into soul-destroying detours. "Beware that you do not yield to the sometimes enticing but always false and soul-destroying temptations to partake of things which God has said are not good for man."

Narcotics came in for a beware sign by President Brown. "Let no one persuade you that the improper use of narcotics which is becoming somewhat common on some campuses can in any way be beneficial . . . Remember, the law of the harvest is inexorable. As ye sow so shall ye reap. The use of any harmful substance will impend your progress toward your goal."

As each person is a divinely endowed,

eternal and intelligent human being it is incumbent upon us therefore to encourage and keep alive the questing spirit, learn and continue to learn everything possible about ourselves, our fellowmen, our universe and our God who is our Father."

President Brown pointed to the quest for knowledge and education always uppermost in the minds of the Latter-day Saints since the restoration of the Gospel. Even in early Mormon pioneer times, despite constant persecution, the continual uprooting of homes, and the toil of subduing a desert, they kept education paramount in their thinking and teaching.

He cited next the fast-growing industrial society of today requiring education for unless youth are well trained they will not be able to obtain dignified and profitable employment in the future.

His advice to youth in deciding upon an educational course is to first go to their parents, next turn to the Church leaders, seek guidance from your school counselor, the seminary and institute teachers and the Educational Information and Guidance Centre, and last yourself, you must evaluate all that is available, create an appetite for the best, and then with ambition on fire and with undiscourageable pluck, continue to make the final irrevocable decision.

"Remember," reminded President Brown "the most important thing is not what you do but that you qualify to do it with excellence as you progressively find the activity which provides a continuing challenge and inspiration."

"We strongly urge all who have the aptitude, ambition, and gumption to continue their education on the college level and beyond. No young person should aim lower than his capacities justify."

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President Tanner Warns Of Liquor, Tobacco Evils

★ An appeal to every member of The Church to keep the Word of Wisdom strictly and to all responsible citizens to accept their responsibilities to guard youth against conspiring men who would lead them to destruction, was strongly voiced by President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency.

Speaking at the Sunday morning session of General Conference, President Tanner voiced the Church's strong stand against liquor by the drink which many in Utah claim is the only way in

which to increase tourist travel to the Beehive state.

"Surely every mother, father and worthy citizen can see the folly of this and what it would do to our youth . . . there are better ways to encourage tourists. We must take a stand against liquor by the drink and any and every other move that would make liquor more easily available.

"It is the responsibility of every citizen" said President Tanner "and in the best interests of our youth and our



President N. Eldon Tanner
of the First
Presidency.

future to see that enforceable restrictive legislation is enacted and enforced to keep our youth from this pernicious practice."

He declared the only positive way to avoid becoming a slave to alcohol or drugs is to never take the first drink or narcotic.

President Tanner noted that the Word of Wisdom, given to the Prophet Joseph Smith 135 years ago, was a principle with a promise, "adapted to the capacity of the weak and weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints.

"We, as members of the Church, have considered the Word of Wisdom as a direction from the Lord Himself, with a warning and a promise."

"Today the whole world, with the scientific evidence now available to everyone, should, regardless of religion or race, observe this scientific warning."

President Tanner cited statistics from a report of the British Royal College of Physicians that 400 Britons per week, or 2,000 persons, died last year in Britain from lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking."

He said the American Public Health Association estimates one million school age children to day are expected to die of lung cancer before they reach the age of 70.

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Daily Prayer Needs Told By President Smith

★ A call to the simple things that belong to the Gospel—such as prayer and its need in our daily lives, was the address given by President Joseph Fielding Smith of the First Presidency. He spoke at the opening general conference session.

"Prayer is something that we need, not that the Lord needs it," he declared . . . The Lord can get along without our prayers. His work will go on just the same whether we pray or whether we do not. He knows the end from the beginning."

President Smith said, "our prayers are uttered more for our sake, and to build us up and give strength, and courage, to increase our faith in him.

"Prayer is something that humbles the soul. It broadens our comprehen-

sion; it quickens the mind. It draws us nearer to our Father in heaven. We need His help, there is no question about that. We need the guidance of His Holy Spirit. We need to know what principles have been given to us by which we may come back into His presence. We need to have our minds quickened by the inspiration that comes from Him, and for these reasons we pray to Him, that He may help us to live so that we will know His truth and be able to walk in His light, that we may, through our faithfulness and our obedience, come back again into His presence."

President Smith counseled "all will receive the resurrection. Is that eternal life? No, not in the words of our Father in heaven. We call that immortality; the



President Alvin R. Dyer, left, and President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselors to the First Presidency.

right to live forever. But the Lord has put His own interpretation upon eternal life. Eternal life is to have the same kind of life that our Father in heaven has and to be crowned with the same blessings and glories and privileges that He possesses, that we might become sons and daughters of God, members of His household."

He explained that to become sons and daughters of God "we have to keep all of the covenants that belong to the Gospel and be true in them to the end of our lives.

"If you want to go into the presence of God and dwell in the Celestial kingdom and see the glories of exaltation, then you must live by every word that

proceeds forth from the mouth of God.

"We must pray to keep humble; to draw nearer to our Father in heaven that we might be in closer communication with Him," so declared President Smith.

"If a man has the spirit of prayer, he delights in prayer. It is easy," said President Smith "for him to approach the Lord with assurance that his petition will be answered . . . So we see the Lord has given us a great truth—His yoke is easy, His burden is light, if we love to do His will!"

President Smith further declared that obedience to the Gospel ordinances is required of all men. Our Saviour came into the world to teach us love for each other, and as that great lesson

was made manifest through His great suffering and death that we might live, should we not express our love for our fellow men by service rendered in their behalf?

"Should we not show our appreciation for the infinite service He rendered us, by giving service in His cause. The man who does only those things in the Church which concern himself alone, will never reach exaltation . . . Service must be given in behalf of others. We must extend the helping hand to the unfortunate, to those who have not heard the truth and are in spiritual darkness, to the needy and oppressed.

"I hope and pray that none of us fail in our service to our Father in heaven," President Smith closed.



Kurt Friscknecht, 9, left; Sharon Metten, 10 and Lisa Church, 9, participated in Primary Conference.

President Dyer Relates Personal Experiences

★ "This is the Lord's work, and we have no need to fear its triumphant outcome."

In closing his Saturday afternoon General Conference address President Alvin R. Dyer of the First Presidency in solemn testimony declared:

"There is a prophet presiding through whom God is speaking, as I have witnessed upon so many occasions."

Man, President Dyer said, has many rebirths to renew his effort in life. He described two such incidents in his life, once when he swallowed a two and a half inch long hatpin as a boy and later when he almost drowned in the ocean near Santa Monica, California.

In each instance he thanked the Lord for his survival and with that rededicated himself to a more worthwhile life.

"Perhaps to be 'born again' means to have another chance, to renew one's effort to measure up, I have felt this way many times in life as calls have come to serve the Lord."

President Dyer expressed special gratitude for the guidance he has received from President David O. McKay and for the opportunities he has received in Church assignments.

"I have had a sense of closeness with President McKay many times. I placed my cheek against his upon occasion and have felt the wetness of

tears that were streaming down. I am most grateful for his confidence and will never betray it.

"I appreciate the confidence of my brethern so manifested to me. I have unbounded respect for their devotion and courage in the administration of the affairs of the Church," President Dyer continued.

"More recently, I am grateful for his assignment, to give concern, and to be a 'watchman on the tower,' with regard to Missouri—a consecrated and destined land in the great latter-day work of our Heavenly Father."

President Dyer recalled the declaration from the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith giving assurances during a time of great trouble, when the Saints were forced to leave the consecrated land of Jackson County, Missouri. Jackson County had been designated by the Lord as a place of refuge where they were to receive their inheritances, and where in the Lord's time so announced that the City of New Jerusalem will be built.

He said the Prophet Joseph prayed to the Lord for the reasons for this setback and sent a letter to the grief-stricken Saints, recognizing the great suffering they were enduring.

"It is from the answer that the Lord gave to the Prophet Joseph Smith that

we find the words of assurance.

"Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion; for all flesh is in mine hands; be still and know that I am God.

"Zion shall not be moved out of her place, notwithstanding her children are scattered.

"They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return, and come to their inheritances, they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion," closed President Dyer.

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"We charge you then, brethren and sisters, to be prepared—physically, mentally, spiritually, morally, aesthetically and in every other way prepare for what the glorious future holds.

President Brown closed by noting the war which began in heaven has been going on since and "is about to reach a climatic point. This appeal, therefore, is in a very real sense a call to arms. The call to be prepared is sent to each one of you by and from the President of the Church, the Prophet of God. It is vital and of paramount importance. . .

"May we be inspired, each one of us . . . to make something of ourselves, to be better than we are, more knowledgeable, more understanding, more sympathetic, more inclined to reach out for the underprivileged, to those who need help."



Elder Harold B. Lee

Elder Lee Suggests 'Seek Learning By Study, Faith'

★ A moving conviction that God is close, and is testing men, was borne by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve.

"Be true to Him that His testing may prove of value. He is closer than many members of the Church realize" Elder Lee counseled, at the final session of General Conference.

Elder Lee urged members of the Church to "seek learning by study, and also by faith." He said this road to learning is not an easy one or an easy means to knowledge.

The Prophet Joseph Smith pointed the way by which one might enjoy in full measure the priceless gifts of God which come by faith, Elder Lee said:

"He would say to the brethren, seek

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to know God in your closets, call upon Him in the fields. Follow the direction of the Book of Mormon and pray over your families, your cattle, your flocks, your herds, your corn and all things that you possess; ask the blessings of God upon your labours and everything you engage in. Be virtuous and pure, be men of integrity and truth, keep the commandments of God; and then you will be able more perfectly to understand the difference between right and wrong—between the things of God and the things of men—and your path will be like that of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

Elder Lee said this is a call to higher wisdom which had been repeated through the ages by many prophets, including Paul and Nephi. He turned to the equation of study and faith in the life of the late Col. Edward H. White, an astronaut, and Dr. Henry Eyring of the University of Utah, one of the most highly honoured scientists in the world today, on the possibility of life on other worlds.

Col. White's learning by faith brought him in full accord with what the Lord declared in a great revelation to the Prophet Moses, that "worlds without number have I created," Elder Lee said.

"As to evidence of God's presence during our journey into space," Elder Lee quoted Col. White, "and during the short period that 'I walked in space' I did not feel any nearer to Him there than here, but I do know that His sure hand guided us all the way during that four-day mission."

"Presumably he is telling us that he, too, was guided by a faith in God which transcended scientific knowledge," said Elder Lee.

Quoting Dr. Eyring, Elder Lee said, "... the great blessing of the Gospel is the additional avenues it opens up for

the developing of this faith into a perfect knowledge. Now, as always, sure knowledge, of spiritual matters can only come by faith, by prayer and by living in such away as to have the companionship of the Holy Ghost as is promised to all the faithful."

God is testing men, He lives and guides and directs men in the disposition of their duties, Elder Lee testified.

Elder Kimball Asks Full Tithe, Offerings

★ "Render unto Ceasar the things which are his and unto God the things which are God's for the earth and all that is therein, belongs to God." counseled Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve at the Saturday afternoon session of General Conference.

"Do you pay tithes?" Elder Kimball asked. "I'm sure you pay your taxes. Do you render unto God that which already was His own? I'm sure that Ceasar never fails to get his portion. What of God? You accepted your earthly opportunities on condition. You rented His land, His equipment, used His elements, you know. The Lord, the owner, furnishes the land, the air, the water, and the sunshine all the elements to make it fruitful. The tenant gives his labour.

"Does puny man possess, appropriate, bequeath, and give as though he made the earth and heaven? And this without report or settling accounts?

"Will a man rob God?"

Elder Kimball reminded that all men



Elder Spencer W. Kimball

made covenants with God when in the Council in Heaven they were given opportunity to come to the earth to see if they would "do all things whatsoever the Lord their God should command them.

"And did you say you made no such rash promise?

"Your very presence on the earth is evidence you accepted this challenge in the pre-existent assembly."

"We cannot afford to tithe" Elder Kimball quoted a man answering his question as to if he paid tithing.

"What? Cannot afford integrity? Cannot afford to return to the Great Provider's programme that which was already his?"

No honest man would rob his Lord of tithes and offerings. . . do you feel generous when you pay your tithes? Boastful when the amount is large? Would you steal a dollar from your friend? A car from your neighbour's car? Do you rob banks? You are shocked at such suggestions. Then, would you rob

your God, your Lord, who has made generous arrangements with you?

"Do you have a right to appropriate the funds of your employer with which to pay your debts; . . .

"Would you help relatives or friends with funds not of your own? Some people get their standards mixed, their ideals out of line. Would you take tithes to pay your building fund, or ward maintenance? Would you supply gifts to the poor with someone else's money? The Lord's Money?

"There echoes again and again the words of the Master: 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's'" Elder Kimball concluded.

Elder Benson Warns Again Of Crisis

★ Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve warning of the erosion of the national morality of America—erosion of traditional enforcement of law and order declared that "Americans are destroying America."

Speaking at the Saturday morning session of the General Conference Elder Benson declared that never since the Civil War has America faced such critical days.

He cited scripture that the Church members believe in a God-ordained government yet today these basic principles and concepts are being flaunted, disregarded and challenged, even by men in high places.

"I think our civilization will die when

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Elder Ezra Taft Benson

we no longer care—when the spiritual forces that make us wish to be right and noble die in the hearts of men, when we disregard the importance of law and order.

"If America is destroyed, it may be by Americans who salute the flag, sing the National Anthem, march in patriotic parades—normally good Americans but Americans who fail to comprehend what is required to keep our country strong and free—Americans who have been lulled into a false security."

Elder Benson outlined some of the problems facing the nation as the decline in morals, juvenile delinquency, smut, narcotics, riots, crime, strikes, welfare-ism, budget deficits, national debt, inflation and others.

He answered that if America is to withstand these influences there must be "a renewal of the spirit of our forefathers, an appreciation of the American way of life, a strengthening of muscle and sinew and the character of the nation.

Elder Benson asked also "could many of our ills today result from our failure to train a strong citizenry from the only source we have, the boys and girls of each community? Have they grown up to believe in politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without effort, wealth without work, business without morality, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice?"

He appealed for a return to old-fashioned character, honesty, self-respect, loyalty, support law and order, all must be taught the younger generation.

We can cope with these threatening realities if we have the courage and the wisdom to return to basic concepts to recall the spirit of the founding fathers, Elder Benson declared.

He said "the United States is the last bastion of real freedom—the only effective protection against the world's greatest evil, the godless, socialist-communist conspiracy that seeks to destroy all we hold dear as a great Christian nation and to promote insidiously the breakdown of law and order and the erosion of our morality."

Elder Petersen Asks 'Return To God'

★ An appeal for America to turn to God but with more than lip service, "obey Him with all your heart, might mind and strength" was voiced by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve.

He who directs the missionary work in Great Britain declared that in America "we have reached a point in our national history as crucial as the time of the

Civil War. Our present dangers are quite as great. Threats to our future seem even greater.

"And yet, as a people we have failed to turn to the Divine Power that created us.

"Atheism is the cause of most of our ills . . . Are we not intelligent enough to perceive that shocking fact?

"We are confronted with the choice of whether or not we as a nation will return to God in spirit and in truth as a means of actual survival.

"We must choose" Elder Petersen warned, "whether we will become fully converted to Him or not. To put it plainly, it is largely a case of obedience versus lip service.

"God can solve these problems, but it will take more than empty words. He is a God of works as well as of faith. He demands obedience if we are to receive help from Him."

Elder Petersen asked:

"Is every one of us willing to do unto others as we would be done by?

"Are we willing to be merciful, kind and pure in heart; to turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile?

"Is every one of us willing to be sufficiently Christ-like to accept His precept which says: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God?'"



Elder Mark E. Petersen

"For every practical reason we must turn to the Christ and live His teachings.

"America, turn to God. But do not give him mere lip service. Obey Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength."

(Every other nation might well follow this same advice for many other countries face similar plight under present world conditions with seemingly little or no regard for law and order prevalent anywhere.

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A small section of the 800-voice children's chorus which sang for the Primary Conference.

Elder Stapley Says 'Voice Of Lord To All'

★ Church members were counseled that it is easier to walk in the paths of righteousness than to fall into the sorrow of disobedience and evil doing.

"Perhaps" said Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of the Twelve, "never before in our history has the need been greater for members of the Church to understand the opposing forces confronting them."

He declared that everyone must stand firm to avoid the evils of the world as Satan is a formidable opponent who can be overcome by using the Gospel of Christ as a lamp to guide footsteps along the paths of righteousness. "The choice is up to us as we exercise our free agency."

Elder Stapley said "the voice of the Lord is to all men everywhere and none can escape the judgment for violating His laws and commandments."

He reminded that "The Glory of God is Intelligence," and said if this is so the glory of man, the spirit offspring of Deity, also must be intelligence, to bring about their eternal welfare and happiness.

"When our God defines intelligence as light and truth, He is not contemplating just secular and worldly knowledge, but the spiritual and eternal verities and realities of life.

"Thus it becomes the children of God to obtain all the light and truth they can, using intelligence to alter their lives and conform closely to the example portrayed in the life of Jesus," Elder Stapley said.

The key and the challenge which leads to God's eternal mansions, he



Elder Delbert L. Stapley

said, "is harkening unto the voice of the spirit. It is through disobedience and man's failure to harken unto the voice of the Spirit and the counsels of God, that Satan is able to come and take away from him the light and truth of the Gospel."

Elder Stapley directed attention to the action words in the Lord's instruction to His prophets, demanding that everyone "harken," "listen" or "hear" in many of His revelations.

Elder Romney Warns Of Need To Repent

★ "Unless men are not speedily brought to understand the basic laws of God and obey them, our civilization will shortly terminate in ruin."

A warning for men everywhere to repent and be baptized was issued at the General Conference by Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve.

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"I am persuaded" said Elder Romney, "that today we are treading the path trod by the nations of antiquity. We have been industrious. We have become wealthy. We are now going through a period of corruption and decay. Around the corner we shall encounter ruin if we continue our present course."

He said he felt impressed to make this forecast "because I know that it is true; that it is imperative that we face it, and do something about it. I make it also for the reason that I know that there is something we can do about it."

Elder Romney said the first step is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He asked "if belief in Christ is the way, why is peace so elusive in the Western world where people profess belief in Christ? The answer is professing is not enough. Men must accept Him for what He is: the Son of God, man's Redeemer.

"They must have sufficient faith in Him to take upon themselves His name in the manner He prescribed. That way is to repent of sins, enter into a covenant with God and be willing to take up the name of Christ and remember Him and keep His commandments, and to

solemnize this covenant with baptism.

"All who follow this path will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost which will bring about a change of heart, and whose companionship will lead men into all truth," Elder Romney said.



Elder Marion G. Romney

Elder Richards Gives Stirring Testimony

★ "We need to have a strong testimony and the power of conviction. The scriptures make it plain that the children of God need to know God other than by hearsay."

Bearing his stirring testimony as to this need and the truthfulness of the Gospel and divinity of Christ, Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve declared the need today is for the children of men to have a testimony of the truth.

"If we do the will of the Father we will know other than hearsay that God is the Holy Father and that Jesus Christ is His Son whom He has sent. We want to know Him other than by hearsay."

Elder Richards compared the testimony of Paul with testimonies which have developed among the humble and rich today after hearing the testimonies of missionaries.

He said the testimonies of Latter-day Saints at home and abroad have helped convinced others of the truthfulness of the restored Gospel.

Elder Richards said those who live without such testimony need to know why they are here and where they are going and how to get there. When they do they will know what real life is and why we are on earth.

Elder Evans Advises All To Seek Counsel

★ Members of the Church were counseled that everyone needs advice, whether young or old, experienced or inexperienced, in making decisions pertaining to marriage, money, a career, or whether writing a letter of commitment.

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve said:

"We cannot emphasize too much the necessity for sincerely seeking counsel and not trying to go it alone in life."



Elder Richard L. Evans



Elder LeGrand Richards

He noted that the General Authorities counsel with each other, trying earnestly, prayerfully, searchingly to consider all sides of the subjects, the policies, the procedures, the problems that come before them.

"We counsel with the President, who we sustain in the weighty obligations and the decisions that come with his calling. We counsel with the Lord and earnestly seek His guidance.

Elder Evans said The Church and its various officials would be in difficulty were it not for this constant counseling.

Important guidance can also come from counsel given in the past by the Lord and His prophets for often the answers sought are already there, Elder Evans said.

He advised that "we ought also to

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counsel with conscience and listen to the promptings of the spirit."

He urged children to learn from the counsel of parents who have given you life, and reared you in love. "They deserve your confidence, your consideration. They deserve to sit with you in counsel—for your own sake and theirs."

Elder Evans directed parents to "remember when you were young; why you wanted to do some things, how

eager you were for social acceptance, how sensitive to criticism. . .

"And to you, our children. . . why should you suppose the basic rules have changed in the few short years since your parents were as you are? The road seems new to you. It isn't new to them; they've been over it before."

He reminded youth that there is nothing "in righteousness" that their parents wouldn't do for them.

Elder Hunter Says All Must Obey Laws Of Land

★ Everyone must obey the laws of the land which were made for the good of the whole. Citizens become subject to the supreme power of the land regardless of whether national sovereignty is exercised by an individual or by the people.

Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve, himself a successful prominent lawyer from California, declared:

"The people have the rights and privileges afforded them under the law and they have the duty to comply with the provisions of that law. This is essential for the good of society, for protection of the life and liberty, and for the promotion and preservation of the happiness of man."

Elder Hunter demonstrated that man can be loyal to God and his government by retelling the story of how the Pharisees of Judea attempted to entrap Jesus into making a treasonable statement that would bring His downfall at the hands of the Romans.

Jesus' answer, "Render therefore unto Ceasar the things which are Ceasar's; and unto God the things that are God's" outwitted the attempt to trap Him and defined the jurisdiction of the two



Elder Howard W. Hunter

empires of heaven and earth.

Elder Hunter said God's reply was "Don't be unjust; give to Ceasar the things you acknowledge as being his; and at the same time don't be impious, give to God the things that belong to God."

The test, Elder Hunter said, to be applied in weighing allegiance is a matter of wisdom.

Elder Hinckley Sees Bright Side In Vietnam

★ "I see coming out of this present conflict in Vietnam, as I have witnessed come out of other conflicts in Asia an enlargement of the Lord's programme.

"War is evil. It ever has been. It is now. But I see a silver thread shining through all the dark and bloody tapsetry of this present conflict. The hand of the Lord is plucking good from the evil designs of the adversary."

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve told General Conference goers he had dedicated and consecrated the land of Vietnam for the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"There is a brighter side. There is a cause that is being fought for. There is in all men's hearts a love for freedom and a hatred for oppression. This war is the outgrowth of a devilish lust for power and a Santanic will to impose on others a system of government that is the very antithesis of the Lord's way. Millions in that part of the world would rather die than live in slavery."

Elder Hinckley declared he foresees the future, a day when many will respond to the Gospel, a day when he does not know when it will come, but is confident it will "and that the efforts of your sons who are there in military service will make that day possible. Without their presence I would see small prospect short of a century."

He explained regular missionaries are not there but both civilian and military are sharing the Gospel, not in contravention of any official regulations, not through regular proselyting, teaching



Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

when others have been seeking.

"Through their efforts the work of the Church is now established in a number of areas, including legal registration of the Church in Thailand. . .

"I make no defense of the war from this pulpit. There is no simple answer . . . I seek only to call your attention to that silver thread, small but radiant with hope, shining through the dark tapestry of war, namely, the establishment of a bridgehead, but which somehow under the mysterious ways of God, will be strengthened and from which someday shall spring forth a great work affecting for good the lives of large numbers of our Father's children in Asia. Of that I have a certain faith."

Elder Monson Tells Blessings Of Obscure Nazareth



Elder Thomas S. Monson

★ "Can There Any Good Come Out of Nazareth?"

Relating all the good that did come from Nazareth, 80 miles from Jerusalem, Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Council of the Twelve declared:

"Out of Nazareth and down through the generations of time come Christ's excellent example, His welcome words, His divine deeds.

"They inspire patience to endure affliction, strength to bear grief, courage to face death and confidence to meet life. In this world of chaos, of trial, of uncertainty, never has our need for such divine guidance been more desperate.

"From Nazareth came the perfect one to be baptized—an example for all."

Elder Monson cited instances where sight was given to the blind, the lame were made to walk and the dead raised.

He related the story of the daughter of a synagogue ruler who was restored to life. "With that miracle came the perfect pattern whereby our own lives may be made fruitful—'Be ye not afraid, only believe.'" The latter were Christ's words when He raised the little girl.

Elder Monson declared that from Nazareth came example, sight, strength, life, faith, peace, courage, from Nazareth came Christ.

He expressed hope that all may live and follow the teachings of the Saviour.

Patriarch Smith Relates Saviour's Mission

★ "Who is He whom we call Jesus the Christ, our Saviour?"

Patriarch to the Church Eldred G. Smith, answered by quoting scriptures relating the great work of the Christ in creating numerous other worlds under the direction of God, the Eternal Father before He was born of Mary to be the Saviour of mankind upon this earth

"All He did," testified Elder Smith, "was for others—a life of service. There was not one selfish act."

He prayed to the Father, as He approached the finish of His mission on earth, declaring, "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

Elder Smith pointed to numerous scriptures testifying that He is the Son of God, the great Creator, the Saviour



Elder Eldred G. Smith



Elder Alma Sonne

and Redeemer of mankind, who appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and directed him in the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these latter days.

Elder Sonne Predicts Future Church Growth

★ "Eventually, wise men will come to know that the only formula for peace is contained in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Church will grow in the future as it has in the past 138 years predicted Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Twelve.

He said the prophetic words found in the Doctrine & Covenants have already been fulfilled that, "The glory of the Lord shall be upon her and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven."

Elder Sonne said barriers of prejudice have been removed and prominent men

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in the world are making their own investigations of the Church.

"Hatred, malice and vindictiveness must give way to the love advocated and exemplified by the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other effective way, for in His Gospel is the power to save."

Elder Sonne noted that the Apostle Paul told the Galatians there would be no changes in the Gospel, saying, "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

This straight way had been outlined by Jesus Christ in His teachings of the plan of life and salvation and it cannot be changed by mere man. The Gospel is the same today as it was yesterday, declared Elder Sonne and so are the principles outlined in it whereby men may come and be saved.



Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

Elder Christiansen Says Temple Work Vital

★ Latter-day Saints build temples because it has always been in order when the higher priesthood has been upon the earth and the people have proved their faithfulness to the Lord's laws and commandments.

So explained Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, Assistant to the Twelve, the reasons for building temples.

He referred to the ancient records showing that the children of Israel, while traveling through the wilderness, were commanded to build a portable tabernacle which served as a temporary temple where sacred ordinances were administered.

King Solomon built a temple about 1,000 B.C. The Jerubabal Temple and a temple built during the reign of King Herod, were built by dedicated people who sacrificed much in labour and

means

On the American continent the Nephtie people, the Book of Mormon records, built a temple after the manner of the Temple of Solomon.

Latter-day Saints built their first temple in Kirtland, Ohio and Nauvoo, Illinois, "at great sacrifice and unity of purpose. Both temples were later lost when the members of the Church were driven away from communities.

"Today 13 LDS temples are in operation in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, England, and New Zealand. Here members are doing work for the living and the dead. The temples are not built solely for architectural and structural beauty."

He explained that in reverence, one might, refer to the temple as the "University of the Lord."

Elder Longden Asks Preparation For Peace

★ "Our message to the world is that moral and spiritual courage are needed to prepare the way."

The importance of being prepared for coming events in this life and for the hereafter was emphasized at General Conference by Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve.

He said preparedness has many connotations—to get ready for a given event, such as cleaning the house or readying refreshments for visitors, or being ready to meet death.

Elder Longden related a personal experience of 40 years ago when the late Elder Adam S. Bennion spoke at the funeral of the Longdens' first-born, a daughter.

Elder Bennion, Elder Longden quoted, said two gates were available to the bereaved parents. One swinging open easily, leading to doubt, despair and even bitterness. The other, opening

more slowly, yielding to the push of patience, opening to hope, faith and confidence.

"May I say now, after nearly 40 years, this is true, Elder Longden said. "Pulling on that gate brings a deep sense of spiritual peace; come what may, it has helped us to ride over several stormy parts of our lives."

Elder Longden reminded that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the pattern to extend comfort, hope and peace to the world. "Living by its tenets, we are prepared to die, but more important to live eternally."

Elder Sill: See The Lord In The Scriptures

★ Since the days of Pentecost the words of Peter to "repent and be baptized every one of you" have been an important formula for salvation, declared Elder Sterling W. Sill, Assistant to the Twelve, at the opening session of General Conference.

"What could be more helpful in our own days of miracles, atheism and crime than for everyone to have an unshakable testimony of, and an inspiring personal relationship with, the divine ruler of this earth" asked Elder Sill.

The words of Christ as found in John, "If any man will do my will he shall know of the doctrine" are still true promised Elder Sill.

He testified that the greatest enrichment comes from acquiring a personal testimony of the divine mission of the



Elder John Longden

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Elder Boyd K. Packer, left and Elder Sterling W. Sill, Assistants to the Twelve.

Saviour of the world and a firm desire to make moral lives productive in Godliness.

Elder Sill said the Lord Himself warned before His crucifixion that wars and troubles would immediately precede His glorious second coming to the earth. "And He himself made a solemn promise, saying, 'For this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the

world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come.

The Gospel has been restored by God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, in these latter days through the Prophet Joseph Smith, testified Elder Sill. In addition three volumes of new scriptures now outline the principles on which exaltation and eternal happiness of man rests, he declared.

Elder Taylor Cites Joys Despite Earthly Struggle



Elder Henry D. Taylor

★ "Man is the spiritual offspring of righteous living to come to this world, to be born of earthly parents and be blessed with a mortal body—the possession of which is a sacred trust."

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Twelve, said that though life on earth is a period of trial and struggle, it would be a "glorious thing" if every child could be born into homes where they were wanted and where the parents were respectable.

"And," he added "if they were taught to prepare for life both on the earth and in the hereafter and if they were encouraged to stand on their own feet."

He said that in subduing the earth a person must look mainly to himself and not to others, except as others might offer good counsel or set a good example.

Elder Taylor advised against seeking security by relying upon the government noting that the greatest joy in life comes from accomplishing worthwhile goals and in service to others.

Franklin D. Richards Suggests Patience

★ The servants of God, ancient and modern, have stressed repeatedly the gift of patience as something to be cultivated and used in meeting trials and tribulations, producers of impatience.

"By exercising patience we will not be inclined to run faster or labour more than our strength justifies" reasoned Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve.



Elder Franklin D. Richards

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He counseled, "survey large fields but cultivate small ones."

When combined with prayer, faith and works and sound planning patience is a stabilizing influence in the lives of individuals, he said. In contrast impatience brings fear, tensions, discouragements and failure.

Patience, Elder Richards said, may be used in modern day living to curtail indebtedness. It should be used in preparing for a mission, planning an education, and marriage.

His counsel, "be patient in the selection of a husband or wife. Take sufficient time to prepare for a temple marriage. Here is one place that your patience will be rewarded with eternal blessings. Our greatest need for continual patience is with our loved ones."

He urged all to cultivate the ability to exercise forbearance under provocation, following 'the Saviour's teachings to do good to those that despitefully use you, and turn the other cheek.

Elder Packer Asks: 'Defend The Faith'

★ "To you who have answered that call to serve with the armed forces of the nation, we say serve honourably and well. Keep your faith, your character, your virtue."

That was the message of Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and veteran in the armed forces of the United States. He addressed the Friday afternoon session of the annual General Conference.

He expressed a bond of sympathy to those answering the call of duty who give up many things sacred and

dear to aid in the nation's defense. He also said it is regretable that some groups of young people had refused to back their country in these troubled times and had criticised those who had chosen to defend their country.

Elder Packer quoted from a 1955 General Conference address of President David O. McKay:

"We love peace, but not peace at any price . . . Chains are worse than bayonets."

He also quoted from the message of the First Presidency, of April 6, 1942, which declared that the Church seeks righteous means of settling international disputes by peaceful negotiations and adjustments. If war does come, however, involving Church members, the Church will not stand in the way of constitutional law of the land in which members live and are called to military duty.

Elder Cullimore Tells Miracle Of Easter

★ The miracle of the Resurrection is one of the greatest evidences of Christ's divinity, declared Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve.

"No fact in ancient history" said Elder Cullimore "is better attested to than that Jesus lived; that He was crucified and that He was resurrected from the dead administered in His immortal body to His disciples."

Elder Cullimore emphasized that many of the apostles of the Saviour witnessed His crucifixion and were also witnesses of His resurrection. From the testimony of many of them we have some of the strongest assurance of the reality of



Elder James A. Cullimore

the resurrection. There was no doubt in the mind of Peter as to the reality of the resurrection when he spoke to the very men who had been witnesses to His death.

"The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that only as the body and spirit are inseparably connected would we receive a 'fulness of joy'." Elder Cullimore said this inseparable union can only come about through birth into immortality, death of the body, which is a separation of body and spirit and the resurrection, which is the reunion of body and spirit.

"In the resurrected, glorified, immortalized body we can go on into eternal life—life with God.

"The atonement of the Saviour—His death and resurrection—made possible the fulfilment of the purpose of God in the creation of man," he said.

Elder Hanks Tells 5 Needs Of Life

★ Elder Marion D. Hanks, newly appointed Assistant to the Twelve, emphasized five great needs in life as he addressed the Saturday morning session of the General Conference.

He said the needs are faith, belonging, serving, giving and loving.

These ingredients, he said, are essential in the development of the human potential, pivotal principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faith, Elder Hanks said, is to know that God will not reject us. It motivates the individual to yield his heart to Him. It is to have confidence in the presence of God.

Belonging aids the individual to feel as an important and accepted part of a group. Youth want and deserve parents and a family they can be proud of and enjoy the influence of a good family.

Elder Hanks said the individual also needs to learn to give and to serve.

He noted that the big problem of many young people and their adult generation is their poor self-image, that they have a conviction they are worthless whereas they need loving.

He declared that "no mere tolerance or indulgence can take the place of love, which does not come from sermons or resolutions, but only from persons who can give it, and from God.

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Elder Bruce R. McConkie, left; Elder S. Dilworth Young, and Elder Milton R. Hunter, of the First Council of the Seventy. Elder Young is the senior president.

Where We

★ The expression "credibility gap" has been widely used recently, both in prudence and in ridicule.

Far too many of our actions now bridge that gap. The circle is ever widening and the results are frightening.

One of the most incredible attitudes yet expressed comes from the mother of a girl about to enter college. She wonders if she should give her daughter a supply of "the pill" as she leaves for school. In writing to a doctor who conducts a newspaper column, she said:

"Personally I don't approve of sexual relations outside of marriage, but I wonder if I should be realistic and supply my daughter with birth-control pills just in case".

Incredible! Even that is hardly the word for it.

Can any mother in her right mind take such a position? Has she never taught her daughter the Lord's law of chastity? Why does she fear pregnancy but apparently have no fear of her daughter losing her virtue?

CAN ANY MOTHER be willing, "just in case," to sacrifice the morals of her child on the alter of social acceptance? Is social prestige more important than virtue? Does she have no respect for divine law?"

If any mothers have so far lost their moral equilibrium that they are willing to allow their daughters to become illicit in the name of realism, what are we to expect of the girls themselves—and of the sons—and of the fathers?

Does being realistic mean that we must throw cleanliness away and become filthy because certain other people are filthy?

Do headlines on crime and sex stories so blind us that we fail to realise that there are far more clean people in the world than there are depraved ones?

Is this mother not willing to be realistic enough to admit that immorality can destroy her daughter? Why should she condone lose morals either in her child or in the school she attends?

Of course, the fact of the matter is—if we are to continue to be realistic—that too many people have lost their faith in the Source of virtue and morality—the Almighty.

WHEN WE LOSE faith we certainly lose respect, and when we no longer respect

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the Deity it is but natural to ignore His commandments and concentrate on social allurements instead.

People who are truly realistic now recognise the existence of God more than ever before. Persons of genuine intellect, the true researchers, the great philosophers and the outstanding educators not only acknowledge but worship Him.

It is the selfish element in the world which no longer accepts the Deity. And why? Because they do not want to be interrupted in their ingrown pursuits, and are so involved in their personal desires, passions, appetites and lusts, that they have no room for sacred things. Therefore they reject or ignore God.

Of course, there are always those who are not well informed and are willing to take the word of God—is—dead rationalists. Such people never do think for themselves.

But to the true realist, God is a great and significant reality who guides the ultimate destiny of the world.

One of His basic laws is that concerning morality.

IT IS IRREVOCABLE and inescapable, and is applicable to all, whether we believe in God or not. Everyone is subject to its penalties no matter how we may try to ignore them.

The wages of sin is death—even to the unbeliever!

Immorality is next to murder in God's category of crime, and always brings its wages of destruction and remorse, even to college students who carry "the pill" with a mother's consent.

Our nation was built upon a foundation of morality and spirituality. It is just possible that a rejection of these basic factors may bring about its fall. It was so with Greece and Rome. It can happen to us unless we repent.

Every right-thinking person should be willing to die, if necessary, in defense of virtue, whether that death be physical or social.

No one can flout divine law with impunity.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" will forever stand as an immutable law to all human beings.

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Elder Young Pays Tribute To The Late Elder Ivins

★ A reminder to all Seventies to be missionaries and a tribute to Elder Antone R. Ivins, the late senior president of the First Council of the Seventy, were given at the General Conference by Elder S. Dilworth Young, successor to Elder Ivins.

Elder Young urged every Seventy to be alert to his opportunities to preach the Gospel to non-members, setting a minimum of making friends or converts with two families this year. He said this can be accomplished by bringing neighbours to social activities in the ward or inviting them into the home.

"Our manifest duty," he declared "is to find families and show them by our love that we are truly followers of Jesus Christ. Let us not shirk or falter but carry the message to these worthy and good people in our midst."

His tribute to Elder Ivins:

"I cannot forget his gentle manners, his courteous and kindly way of directing us, or his constant adherence to the law of leadership in the priesthood to the effect that one must preside by persuasion, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, love unfeigned and by kindness and pure knowledge."

Elder McConkie Outlines the Way

★ Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the First Council of Seventy outlined the part the Book of Mormon has played in aiding the spread of the Gospel message in the world today.

Salvation, he emphasized, is not found in any book, either the Book of Mormon or the Bible, but only in the doctrines which must be believed and obeyed to gain salvation.

"Salvation," Elder McConkie said, "is in Christ; it comes because of His atoning sacrifice; His is the only name given under heaven whereby man can be saved.

"However, salvation is made available to men because the Lord calls prophets and apostles to testify of Christ and to teach the true doctrines of His Gospel. Salvation is available only when there are legal administrators who can teach the truth and who have power to perform the ordinances of salvation so they will be binding, and have efficacy, virtue, and force on earth and in heaven."

Elder McConkie explained that the Book of Mormon is a book of scripture telling of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of the American continent and outlines the fullness of the Gospel in harmony with the Bible.

"It thus becomes a matter of transcendent import for every truth seeker to learn of the truth and divinity of this volume of sacred scripture; this volume which will open the door to the knowledge of God and His laws."

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He said everyone should be happy to know that God has sent a prophet in this day who has brought forth a new volume of scripture which stands as a witness to the truth of the restored Church.



Elder A. Theodore Tuttle

Elder Tuttle Speaks Of Family Honour

★ Elder A. Theodore Tuttle, of the First Council of Seventy, said we can understand why God loves us when we understand that we are His children. He desires that His children show Him the same honour that they show to their earthly parents by respect and obedience.

He turned his remarks first to children warning they can rob themselves of a parents pride by overlooking opportunities to bring joy to their parents through obedience and helpfulness.

Elder Tuttle reminded that the Lord said:

"Honour thy father and thy mother" with a promise "that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

He asked young men, "Is there honour in your home for those who bore you and reared you? Do you ever take the initiative to do the obviously necessary job around the home?"

The young women were asked, "Do you carry your share of the household load? Do you honour parents by your modesty of dress and the purity of your life?"

And parents were asked, "Do you frequently 'ask' instead of 'tell' your children to do something? Do you know where your children are each night at ten o'clock?"

Elder Tuttle said dividends to children who honour their parents are returned by parents who honour their children.

Elder Paul Dunn: Nurture Self Control

★ The best possible blueprint for human behaviour is found in the life of Jesus, suggested Elder Paul H. Dunn, of the First Council of Seventy.

"I am convinced," he said, "that regardless of the technique that we may employ in the development of better habits, there is no pattern so perfect, no source of inspiration so helpful as that of Jesus Christ, the friend of mankind, the supreme ideal."



Elder Paul H. Dunn

Elder Dunn centered his remarks on self control which he termed largely responsible for the condition of the world today.

He observed that although Jesus endured with patience unlimited personal abuse, on several occasions he became angry and in at least one instance, used force.

"In the presence of injuristice, when men would be unfair and unkind toward each other, He threw the influence of His great, tempered personality against their evil practices."

Elder Dunn said a happy and successful person is one who can gain control of his emotions and use them to improve his relationships with others and bring into his own life greater peace, joy and serenity that is so desperately needed in the world today.

Bishop Vandenberg Says Scripture, Poet Point To God

★Following Christ must be a day-by-day process, the conscious objective of every hour. Those who will serve the Master, and follow the direction of His prophet can taste the joy of service.

So declared Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg as he answered the question, "Who are we?" and "What are we doing here?"

He quoted from the words of Abraham to whom the Lord had revealed that intelligences were organized before the world was, that he stood among them and picked out those who were to be rulers and told Abraham:

"Thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born."

To those who are not aware of God's divine purpose, Bishop Vandenberg said, life could be a mysterious journey with no real objectives. He said without such knowledge God's children may seek only material wealth and pleasures. "In a sense they worship and make gods of the physical, whatever it may be."

Bishop Vandenberg cautioned that false gods in the past have failed but that the true God has never failed the faithful who have followed His commandments.

He also quoted from modern philisophs—William Wordsworth's poem "Ode On the Intimations of Immortality," declaring, "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting; The soul that rises with us our life's star, Hath elsewhere its setting, and cometh from afar: Not in

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Presiding Bishopric with model of restoration of Aaronic Priesthood statue. From left, Bishop Robert L. Simpson, Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg and Bishop Victor L. Brown.

Bishop Simpson: Special Role For The Girls

★ Girls in the Church were reminded by Bishop Robert L. Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric that they were "created by God in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."

Without them life would stop and the foundation of God's master plan would be frustrated.

Bishop Simpson said that with them is the potential of creation of providing earthly bodies for spirits previously created by God.

He declared: "No mortal has honour greater than this. Yours is a possible partnership with Heavenly Father in perpetuating the process of life. The very thought is overwhelming. . . This sacred process requires worthiness."

Bishop Simpson said every girl should know the rules in the game of life as revealed by God and follow them if she is to be faced with the sacred obligation of providing bodies for God's spirit children.

"God's moral code," he warned "has never changed." He urged the girls to watch their personal health habits and particularly warned against liquor and tobacco.

"God loves you wonderful girls. Don't you let Him down. You have a special function to perform with God as your partner. Be worthy of the privilege."

Bishop Brown Outlines Duties

★ Bishop Victor L. Brown, second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, outlined responsibilities and duties of the bishops of the Church, noting that the bishop probably accepted his calling with "fear and trembling" for he did not ask for nor even volunteer for his position. Yet he has the faith and a desire to live up to his calling, he said.

He spoke of the many responsibilities of the bishop, all which must be approached in the spirit of love, kindness and understanding, helping the people maintain their self-respect and dignity.

Bishop Brown noted that the bishop and his counselors are the cornerstone in all matters pertaining to the boys and girls of the Church.

"May I say to the young people, the bishop has been called through the inspiration of Heavenly Father to be your spiritual counselor. He is the one to whom we should go to confess our sins. This must be done if we are to fully repent."

He encouraged members to let their bishop help them with his inspired wisdom as the spiritual father of the ward.

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entire forgetfulness and not in utter nakedness, But trailing clouds of Glory de we come from God who is our home; Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

Bishop Vandenberg cited the simple fishermen, Peter and others, who have been transformed into courageous leaders because they chose to follow Christ.

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Elder William J. Critchlow Jr.



Elder Theodore M. Burton



Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

★ These General Authorities, all Assistants to the Twelve, plus Elders Milton R. Hunter, Hartman Rector Jr. and Loren C. Dunn, of the First Council of the Seventy, did not speak.

'Portraits' Painted At Primary Conference

★ "The role of Primary workers is to help little children find God and climb upward in a world of cold reality."

Urging Primary workers to remove negative attitudes from their minds and hearts and to "step out of a negative world into such an atmosphere of love and a positive hope for the future" was Elder Howard W. Hunter, of the Council of the Twelve, and an adviser to the auxiliary.

He and other principal guest speakers at the 62nd annual conference of the Primary Association included Elder William J. Critchlow Jr., Assistant to the Twelve; Bishop Robert L. Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric, all advisers to the Primary and Dr. Neal A. Maxwell, Regional Representative of the Twelve.

The conference was directed by General Pres. LaVern W. Parmley aided by her counselors Leone W. Doxey and Lucile C. Reading and members of the general board.

Elder Hunter said that because leadership has led the way by a positive approach Primary workers have created the great spirituality which distinguishes the Primary Association. "As leaders, have we acquired a spiritual maturity?" he asked. . . "How much maturity will be required of us to live in exaltation in the Celestial kingdom of the Lord?"

He said in spite of the work and efforts involved he has found Primary workers enthusiastically engaged and happy in their work.

Elder Critchlow discussed how the Primary helps to exalt the individual and the importance of the home, the

Church's "primal teaching unit." He emphasized the priesthood quorums and the auxiliaries of the Church, together have the responsibility of teaching the Gospel and helping individuals within the Church to progress.

"Give yourselves unselfishly to the (Primary) children and to the Lord" he urged Primary workers.

Bishop Simpson declared the greatest need in the world today is for the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the greatest challenge you and I have as the custodians of this truth is the ability to communicate better as Primary officers to our co-workers, and as Primary teachers to our precious children.

He urged Primary workers to be good listeners, to become better informed, to communicate with enthusiasm, and to consider the virtue of love.

Dr. Maxwell informed that "the spiritual momentum you impart can not only prepare—for instance—boys to receive the priesthood, but it can help to carry them through the turbulent teens . . . When this momentum is not there, interest often ebbs; priesthood is not seen as a part of manhood, and these same children, as young men and women, often mistake the ebb in their immediate interest in religious things for 'emancipation.' Some soon learn that they are free, but free in a desert."

Primary workers were introduced to new Primary materials, new songs and teaching techniques. A new book, "The How book for Primary Teachers" was introduced in the presidencies department.

Conference Report



Directing the Primary Conference were Gen. Pres. LaVern W. Parmley, left, and her counselors Leone W. Doxey and Lucile C. Reading.

Sunday School Members Told To 'Feed My Sheep'

★ Sunday School officers and teachers in their semi-annual conference were told by Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve that some teachers teach with the spirit of the Lord, others with only an outline.

"When we teach with the spirit, the lessons will be riveted into the hearts of our students," he emphasized.

Cautioning workers in the auxiliary to so live that their lives will be in tune with the spirit of the Lord he said, "How can we show our love of God in a more acceptable manner than to feed His sheep?"

Elder Richards quoted the Saviour's repeated charge to the Apostle Peter: ". . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him. Feed my sheep . . ."

"How can we show our love of God

in a more acceptable manner than to feed His sheep?" Elder Richards asked repeating the charge to the Apostle Peter: ". . . Simon son of Jonas. . . Feed my sheep."

The Sunday School is a great organization in preparing men and women to be leaders throughout the Church, Elder Richards noted. He counseled that if vision could be focused 25 years hence it might create a greater desire for more careful planning and preparation, that deeper impressions might be made on students.

Gen. Supt. David Lawrence McKay informed that the programme of teacher supervision is to give assistance and guidance and not that teachers are being "investigated" as some have supposed in the past. Supt. McKay addressed the earlier session for stake Junior Sunday School co-ordinators.

The conference session in the Tabernacle was conducted by Royden G. Derrick and Lynn S. Richards presented names of officers and board members for the sustaining vote. Both are assistant superintendents to Supt. McKay.

Primary co-workers from near and far socialized at the reception in the rotunda of the Utah State Capitol.

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Priesthood: Thousands Hear Education Need Stressed

★ More than 100,000 priesthood members in 500 locations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, heard by direct wire the proceedings of the annual General Priesthood meeting of the General Conference.

Theme for the meeting was education and the need to be prepared for life and leadership.

President David O. McKay declared that the Church stands for education and the very purpose of its organization is to promulgate the truth among men.

"Members of the Church are admonished," he said, "to acquire learning by study, and also by faith and prayer; to seek after everything that is virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praise-worthy."

He declared that in this seeking "they are not confined to narrow limits of dogma or creed, but are free to launch into the realm of the infinite."

"After High School What?" was the theme for President Hugh B. Brown's address stressing the importance of education. He urged youth to continue their education pursuits beyond high school.

He declared that this war which began in heaven and has been going on ever since—a war in which the immortal stake, is about to reach a climatic point.

President Brown said "this appeal, therefore, is in a very real sense a call to arms. The call to be prepared

is sent to each one of you by and from the President of the Church, the prophet of God. It is vital and of paramount importance.

Dr. Lowell Bennion, Associate Dean of Students at the University of Utah, said there is no finer symbol of Mormonism than that of the boy Joseph when he went into the Sacred Grove, searching, eager to learn, with questions. Joseph Smith's search did not end there, rather he continued to ask questions, searching, and in his learning, he received line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little.

Dr. Bennion said, "we have a proud history of education in the Church, Generations of Latter-day Saints have been inspired to go on in education." He asked, "But what about education today in the Church? Are we as hungry to know? Do we lack wisdom? Do we have a longing and a burning for knowledge?"

He noted that land can be inherited, as can also money and even debt, but education or knowledge cannot be inherited.

"We can inherit only the opportunity, the tradition, and hopefully the motivation for education."

Dr. Bennion cited new frontiers facing youth, human, spiritual and social, all calling for training and knowledge.

He counseled youth to do more than hunger and thirst for material things lest we be awakened with a taste of

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Primary leaders joined in many workshops as departmental meetings were held in various chapels.

ashes in our mouths on the marrow.

"The Gospel is to be understood as well as believed. We need to reflect deeply as to the fundamentals of the Gospel, and learn to apply them in our lives," he urged.

He counseled that every Later-day Saint needs both faith and reason and urged, "learn to love the Lord with all your minds as well as with all your hearts."





Pres. Dougal C. McKeown, appointed president of the London Temple and Sister McKeown, named the matron.

Native Of Scotland Named London Temple President

★ A native of Scotland, Pres. Dougal Campbell McKeown, second counselor in the London Stake presidency, has been appointed by the First Presidency as the new president of the London Temple Sister Grace Nash McKeown will be the temple matron.

Pres. McKeown will succeed Pres. LeRoy J. Buckmiller of Holladay, Utah, who was appointed president of the

temple in the spring of 1966.

Called to the stake presidency only last September, Pres. McKeown has a full record of Church service since his baptism in 1951. He had served seven years as bishop of the London Ward, three years as first counselor in the London District presidency, four years as president of the North London Branch and also a period as a counselor in the

branch presidency. Both he and Sister McKeown served as district missionaries.

Pres. McKeown the past four years has been general manager of the Deseret Enterprises, Ltd., after two and a half years as assistant manager preceded by 15 years on the clerical staff of the British Railways. He saw service with the British Army for six years during World War II.

He was born at Renton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland and married Grace Nash of Scotland in London. They have two sons and a daughter. Dougald McKeown Jr. resides in London with his wife and three children; Ruth, now residing in Alberta, Canada, filled a mission in the British Mission and Jack who resides with his parents, served a building mission to Scauthorp and recently became engaged to Miss Maurisha (Candy)

Costello of London, a recent convert to the Church. Pres. McKeown attended the county schools in Ballyclare County, Antrim, Ireland.

Pres. McKeown is an affable man, most friendly and easy to become acquainted with. He loves the youth of the Church and wins many to him through his pleasing personality and fine sense of humor.

Sister McKeown is also a native of Scotland and has given equally of her time and talents to the Church. She has held many positions in all of the auxiliaries having served the past two years as London Stake Relief Society president. Sister McKeown earlier served two years as first counselor in the Relief Society and as District Primary president. In the North London Ward she was president of the YWMA for several years.

London Stake Appoints New Second Counselor

★ Bishop Thomas Hill of the St. Albans Ward, was appointed second counselor in the London stake presidency during the quarterly conference May 12th. He succeeds Pres. Dougald C. McKeown who was named at the same meeting as the new president of the London Temple, succeeding Pres. LeRoy Buckmiller.

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. announced Geoffrey D. Hobbs, high council man, and formerly first counselor in the St. Albans Ward as the new bishop of St. Albans Ward. Named to the high council was former Bishop Frank Paterson of the Hyde Park Ward.

Also released from the high council was Bro. Harris who will be returning soon to the United States.

Pres. Hill has also served as first counselor position in the bishopric, YWMA superintendent, second counselor twice in the bishopric, branch

president and second counselor in the branch presidency. He is a chartered civil engineer.

Sis. McKeown was released as stake Relief Society president succeeding her is Sis. Lillian Paterson.



Pres. Thomas Hill

British Athletic Association Names New President

★ The British Athletic Association has been reorganized with Pres. Dennis Livesey of the Leeds Stake sustained as chairman, succeeding Pres. Derek J. Plumbley of Manchester Stake. The meeting was held in the Manchester Stake Centre.

Named assistant chairman were Pres. J. H. Weightman of the Manchester Stake, reappointed and Derek Cuthbert, of Nottingham, first counselor in the Central British Mission presidency.

Church officers attending from Salt Lake City were A. Ray Curtis, Regional Representative of the Twelve; Gen. Supt. G. Carlos Smith Jr. and Malcolm LeSeuer of the YMMIA General Board; Dorothy P. Holt, second counselor in the general presidency of the YWMIA.

Pres. Curtis encouraged British Saints to see the BYU Track Team as it performs in various cities during July spending three days at Leeds Stake. Coach of the track team is Clarence Robison, a member of the YMMIA General Board Athletic Committee.

Supt. Smith encouraged continued administration of the athletic programme through zones, and suggested a good training programme, for he said, there is a great need to train leaders in the programme. He directed that the stakes and zones need no more authority, only to "get the ball rolling" and the programme underway.

He said athletics is just one tool of the Church that if used with wisdom and judgment can bring young men into



Sister Dorothy P. Holt, centre, YWMIA general presidency, met with Mary Jones, left and Susan Hezselstine, Leicester Stake.



Officials at the British Athletic Association, from left, Pres. A. Ray Curtis, Gen. Supt. G. Carlos Smith Jr. of the YMMIA; Pres. Weightman, assistant chairman; Malcolm LeSeuer, of the YMMIA Athletic Committee and Pres. Dennis Livesey new BAA president.

participation and help to build them a testimony.

Sister Holt spoke briefly of the YWMIA sports—camp programme and discussed this in depth with the women representatives of the committee Sisters Mary Jones and Susan Hazeltine, Leicester Stake.

Pres. Weightman emphasized that a registration fee of £1 per year is asked of each ward and branch, due the first of January. He said it is not too late for this to be paid since there are expenses in running the big programme.

It was announced the BAA finals will be held August 23rd and 24th at a place yet to be finalized.

Supt. Smith also explained the overall athletic programme for the benefit of new representatives from the stakes and missions.

The next BAA meeting will be held July 21st at 10.30 a.m. at Manchester, it was announced.



Pres. Derek J. Plumbley, left, past president of the BAA and Pres. Dennis Livesey, Leeds Stake, newly appointed president.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ A few weeks ago it was reported from Middlesbrough Ward that through the prayers of two sisters, Eva Cupryna and Sarah Scoby, their third sister and her family were baptised into the Church. We would add to this, that the three sisters began to fast and pray that Mr. Cupryna would also accept the Gospel, and David John, the next door neighbour of the third sister, Jean Harburn.

All their prayers were answered on Good Friday when David John, and Hubert 'Karl' Cupryna were baptised. The sisters are now earnestly praying that their mother will join the Church. It is felt that their example of faith and devotion could be followed by every Church member.

★ With only four weeks to go to the deadline for paying off the remaining debt on their chapel, Middlesbrough Ward set to with a will. A Jumble Sale was organised and the homes of every member and their friends were sorted out to supply goods to sell. The Relief Society held a social evening at which the entertainment was provided by the children of Primary in the form of a Black and White Minstrel Show. They raised over £6, and gave a lot of pleasure to all who attended.

M.I.A. were not going to be left out, and so they organised their own social evening on 6th April, and raised a further £6. More money than was needed was brought in through these fine efforts, and so it was given towards the Ward Budget. Members are now looking forward to their Chapel being dedicated.

★ We wish Bon Voyage to Carol Kraus, late of Middlesbrough, Manchester and Worcester, as she sets out to take a

position at Thisted, Denmark as a physiotherapist.

★ On Saturday, 6th April, a Relief Society Achievement Day was held in the Sunderland Stake House. Members and their husbands were invited to attend, and the response was good, although several husbands looked as though they felt a little out of place.

The Cultural Hall was decorated with blue and yellow streamers and flowers. Tables placed around the hall, one from each ward and branch, were laden with articles made by the sisters. Items included hand painted china, cakes decorated in the form of the Bible, and a basket filled with Easter eggs, a wedding dress, fur fabric toys, puppets, paintings, rugs, quilts and knitted cardigans etc.

Afton Hardy, Stake Relief President conducted the programme for the afternoon, and after her opening remarks, most of the wards and branches presented some item of talent such as choral singing, a duet, reciting of poetry, piano playing and a humorous monologue.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Mannequin Parade, where sisters and their children, and even a few husbands, modelled clothes which the sisters had made. They ranged from items of fancy dress made from jumble sale articles, to a man's casual jacket, and from a bride's dress to pinafore dresses.

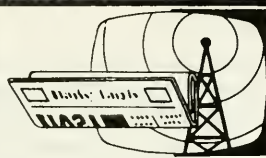
The afternoon was definitely successful.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ There was a good attendance at the Stake Music Festival in March, and the entries which were varied and interesting included:

David and Richard Foote, playing the piano and recorder.

NEWS



Sister Mortensen accompanying herself and her husband, Bishop Mortensen on the accordion as they sang a duet.

Steven Porch and his nine year old sister, Marie, piano solos.

The Clydebank Branch Primary Choir, who captured everybody's hearts as they sang, "Tell me Dear Lord".

John Thomson who played the theme music from "Zorba the Greek" on a 125 year old Dulcimer.

Margaret Scott and Marjorie Foote who sang "Wispering Hope".

Alex Bauld played the guitar and sang.

Susan and Royce Kirk, nine year old twins from Clydebank Branch, played a piano selection.

Robert Sinclair sang "My Testimony".

President A. R. Richardson played the accordion accompanied by his son Alex on the piano.

Anna Harvey and William McCredie performed a duet on the piano.

The festival was conducted by the Stake Music Committee, Catherine Richardson, Anna Harvey, Marjorie Foote and Catharine Richardson junior.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ To enable the members of the Aaronic Priesthood Adult programme to fellowship and meet to discuss pro-



A group of brethren all in good humor at one of the first divisional Aaronic Priesthood meetings in Leicester Stake.

blems and programmes unique to them, the stake committee organized two divisions within the stake, one at Nottingham and the other at Birmingham on a monthly basis.

Programmes have included films, tape recordings of Church leaders, musical items, and on one occasion, a talk by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, which was followed by a personal introduction of each member and his wife. Plans for the future include an open night and a meeting with Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve.

A great feeling of fellowship and activity is exhibited by the brethren. These meetings give them an insight into many Church programmes, and helps them to prepare for advancement to the Melchizedek Priesthood. The number in attendance is growing, and great expectations for the future are held by the stake committee, who have given so much to ensure this success.

★ On Saturday 23rd March, the stake met the Central British Mission for the Zone Championships to choose representatives for the All British Athletic Championships at Manchester in September. Competition was fierce but at all times friendly and the honours were divided fairly evenly in the various sports.

★ The 1st Quorum of Elders, presided over by Leslie W. Green and the 2nd Quorum of Elders, presided over by Edgar R. Needham, combined to hold a social at Nottingham on March 30th. All elders, their wives and teenage children were invited. A pop group "The Zanies" entertained with a piper in full Highland regalia to play the Gay Gordons, and other pipe music for the older dancers. Sisters Doris Stevenson, Joan Needham, Selina Adams, June Cooper, Olive

Twiddy, Florrie Asher and Beverley Needham, baked cakes and served up a grand array of much appreciated refreshments.

★ The Relief Society in South Birmingham is growing rapidly and one Wednesday in March they enjoyed a practical beautifying-the-home lesson, which they felt worthy of being reported. They worked in small groups to lay and decorate the tables to show how plain crockery could look effective when used with coloured cloths, and how modern cups could look lovely against plain but bright tablecloths. Flower arrangements to suit various occasions also graced the tables. Joan Tennant thoughtfully prepared a snack for all taking part to satisfy any hunger that the display might have created.

★ Walsall had a Jumble Sale and an amusement outing recently. The sale raised £17 for their building fund on March 27th then in April a coach full of saints from the branch spent an enjoyable evening seeing "Hello Dolly" at the Birmingham Theatre.

★ Valerie Bowler, Hazel Brown and Ray Ferrar, adjudicators at the Stake Speech Talent Festival, were all agreed that good speakers are developed, not born, as they listened to the 36 participants on April 6th. There were tales of valour by Scouts, biblical stories by Beehive girls, scripture readings by M.I.A. maids and impromptu talks by others. The standard of all the entries was high and very encouraging for Stake Speech Director Hilda Brown, who organised the event. The 80 members who supported the Festival had the added enjoyment of hearing Barbara Smith play a piano solo, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata."

★ There was a farewell party in the form of a Faith Supper at Nottingham Ward on April 18th, in honour of Pat and Barrie Stevens, who are moving to Bournemouth, where Barrie has been appointed Assistant General Manager of a large department store. Everyone joined in games, organised by David Bourne and later enjoyed the wonderful refreshments. At the end of the evening Bishop Green presented them with books on behalf of the members.

★ On Easter Saturday the Stake M.I.A. held their Drama Festival at the Stake Centre. Competitors were from Nottingham Ward and Walsall Branch. Nottingham's play "Outpatients" was both serious and amusing with its discussions on life and death amongst the patients in a hospital waiting room. By contrast, Walsall's play was a thriller, "The Spider Ring" By Mabel Constandurous. Here was a honeymoon couple planning happily for the future, but the bridegroom was planning to murder his bride! Ernest Hooker, stake drama director, was the adjudicator and he awarded 75 points to Walsall and 73 to Nottingham.

LONDON STAKE

★ South London Ward M.I.A. held a very successful Music Festival recently. A small but enthusiastic audience gave a great welcome to a variety of solo numbers ranging from Eamonn Belton, one of the younger scouts with his accordion, to a member of the High Council with his trumpet. Beehive girls, the men's quartet and the New-Raven-sleas were all in good singing form, and the M.I.A. Maids and Gleaners provided song and dance for the opening and closing numbers of a very enjoyable festival. The Ward M.I.A. Music director,

Berdene Farron, organised and rehearsed it all and took part in several of the numbers. It seems that there is much musical talent in South London M.I.A. and the young performers were certainly "top of the pops" on this particular evening.

★ A total of 19 speakers took part in this year's London Stake Speech Festival at Hyde Park Chapel. Entries were in two sections—Junior (12-15 years) and Senior (16 years and above). The choice of topics was open.

The standard of speaking was very high, with every contestant rating at least Very Good or Excellent. Two speakers, James Jolliffe of St. Albans Ward (junior division) and Sheila Dawn Harrison of North London Ward, achieving a Superior rating, (senior) the highest that could be awarded.

Other participants and their ratings were:

Senior — Derek Streeter, Catford; Derek Ramsey, and Janet Parker, Epsom Branch; Bernard Crier, Croydon Branch; Ward; Brian Goldfield, North London; Geoffrey Cooper, St. Albans; Roger Stringer, South London, all very good rating.

Vaughn Jackson, Hyde Park; Joan Price, Luton; Dandre Kavanagh, Hyde Park, and Marilyn Greenwood, South London, all excellent.

Junior—Jane Patterson, South London; Cris Turner, Croydon; Dianne Dellar, North London; all very good.

Flora Lee Hemingway, Hyde Park; Stephen Martin, North London, Marion Jolliffe, St. Albans, all excellent.

Judges were High Councilman Willard Van Wagoner and Sister Wagoner, High Councilman George Mosdell and Sister Mosdell, Bishop Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward and Sister Noyce.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ Excitement galore was the scene at the Manchester Stake Centre recently when police cars, vans and motor cycles converged at speed upon the building. Spotlights were swung upwards to reveal two figures upon the roof gazing somewhat mystified at the scene below. Apparently a passing motorist had glanced at the building, seen the two figures, and in a public spirited manner dialed 999. Hence the ensuing dramatic scenes.

The two figures were ordered to descend and a rather sheepish Roger Ball and David Hunter climbed down to be interrogated. Actually these two brethren were on the roof repairing and fixing electrical contraptions for a show they were performing the following evening.

Roger is a student at Manchester University reading Electrical Engineering, he hails from St. Austel, Cornwall. David is a local member and a talented musician. The Stake centre lawns were cut up a little by the mobil force, but who cares when such an excellent protection service is rendered.

★ Paul Clifford a young Priest in the Manchester South Ward has just been made a Queens Scout, he represented his district at the St. Georges Day parade at Windsor Castle. His father is the Ward Sunday School superintendent.

★ Audrey Grindley, 12, won a first prize in a leading Northern newspaper competition on road safety. Already the holder of two cycling proficiency awards, her prize was a bicycle! She is a member of the Manchester South Ward, and the daughter of the stake clerk.



Presidents from all the Manchester stake relief societies watch as sister L. Smith presents cheque to stake President Plumbley.

★ At a Leadership Meeting held last summer, the Ward and Branch Relief Societies in the Manchester Stake decided they would like to make a contribution to the Stake Building Fund. They all gave a donation from the money they made at their Sales of Work, Bazaars, etc., and recently President D. J. Plumblly was presented with a cheque for £90 by Sister L. Smith, President of the Ashton/Oldham Ward Relief Society.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ A lovely fashion show, luncheon and programme was enjoyed by 200 sisters and several priesthood brethren this spring at the Southampton Chapel. The event was hosted by the Portsmouth District Relief Society who did an outstanding work in decorating, arranging tables, preparing luncheon and making the facilities pleasant.

A huge birthday cake decorated in Relief Society colours of blue and yellow, was the centrepiece of the table. The programme was delightful and each district had special numbers to represent them. Items ranged from readings, original poetry, and musical numbers to comedy numbers.

★ The High Wycombe Branch Relief Society held an Anniversary Luncheon at the home of Gwen Cannon. Articles for a prospective bazaar were displayed, and Gillian Brown-Lee read an original poem describing the history of Relief Society and its importance in the lives of Latter-day Saint women. Mardine Stevenson and Dorothy Rickers provided musical numbers. District Relief Society President Madeline Brighty, and her counsellor Ann Hartle were also present.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ The main event for the Beverley Branch in March was the Mayor's Variety Concert, held at the Beverley Chapel. A few months ago the Mayor visited the M.I.A. and asked for help in raising money towards his Charity Fund. After his visit Geoffrey Dunning began organising a Variety Show which took place on 21st/22nd March. Many people were invited and given free tickets on the first evening, they really enjoyed it. The show went with a swing and many thanks go to those who took part:

Fred Garrett—Tenor, Tom Novis—Baritone, Brian Petch—Magician, Jack Spurr—Comedian, The June Lewis Ballet School, The Beverley Children's Scottish Dancing Group, The Two Tones, Miss Burlington Bertie, Elaine Thompson & Mike—Comedy, The Girls Venture

Corp Dancers, Ian Swanney—Accordion and Geoffrey Dunning as M.C.

A profit of £14 was made and this was presented to the Mayor on behalf of the Church. Not only did the show do good by raising the money, but many, in fact the majority of the audience were non-members, and this has helped to break down some of the barriers that existed against the Church in Beverley. People are now opening their doors to the missionaries.

★ We regret to announce that the Bridlington Branch was closed down on March 17th, for some time the branch meetings had taken place in Brother Tindle's home, with auxiliaries in other members homes. They are now attached to Scarborough, but will still hold home meetings in Bridlington. Anyone holidaying there can contact the Tindles at 26 Harewood Avenue, Bridlington, or the Staniforths at 42 Roseberry Avenue. They will receive a warm welcome.

★ More than a hundred people attended the Liverpool District Music Festival which was held on March 16th in the Liverpool Chapel. The judges were Miss Betty Wilcox and Mrs. Peggy Barnes, both eminent members of the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. The theme of the Contest was "Wales", and the Southport entry was notable for the beautifully made and lifelike animal heads, which had been designed and made by Frances Meath.

Warrington Branch retold the story of Bedd Gelert with original words and music, and Liverpool branch took the audience to a splendid Welsh castle, complete with tourists, armoury and a horrific Red Dragon. Wirral and Crosby Branches competed for the first time and made a very good showing. The

winners were: Liverpool first, Warrington second, and Southport third, the winners received the Festival Cup and the runners-up chocolates.

★ The Arts and Crafts and Speech Festival held at Liverpool on April 6th was an outstanding success. The entries in the Art & Craft section were astonishing in their variety and all were of the highest standard.

President Wesley Roberts, of the North Wales District had the unenviable task of judging the entries, and without hesitation awarded the first prize to Barry Gabbott, who is currently lecturing at the Southport School of Arts and Crafts, for an unusual pair of curtains that he had designed and printed himself.

Brother Gabbott received a book prize, and the runners-up received certificates, they included: Frances Meath, Southport. Pottery. Nancy Meath, Southport, knitting; Brother Gill, Leigh, embroidery; Phyllis Gibson, Liverpool, floral arrangement; Sister Coombs, Warrington, art study, and William Hearst, Southport, photography.

The Speech Festival held on the same day was judged by Brother and Sister Hill of the Liverpool Branch, and the winners were:

Beehive, Helen Coombs, Widnes Branch; Vanguard, Peter Perry, Southport Branch; Ensign, Derek Hoar, Liverpool Branch; Laurel, Yvonne Nugent, Liverpool Branch; Gleaner, Valerie Fraser, L'pool Branch; M Men, Frank Hitchmough, Liverpool Branch; Mutual Study, John Hender, Wirral Branch.

Valerie Fraser of Liverpool was voted to best speaker and was awarded the Festival Cup.

★ Word from St. George, Utah, of interest to older members of the Church in the Liverpool area informs us that Clifford C. Harley, a former president of the Preston and Wigan branches in the older Liverpool District, has just conducted the first Genealogical class to be held in the St. George Institute at Dixie College. He says he and Sister Mary C. Hartley would like to hear from any of the members of the Morecambe and Lancaster Branches. His address is 294 East Monterey Drive, St. George, Utah 84770, U.S.A.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Gregory Harris of Helston Branch, Cornwall does it again, in his third appearance in the ring he beat Alan King of Devonport on points thus making it three winning fights.

★ On February 24th the District Drama Festival was held at Weston-super-Mare and a large audience enjoyed watching three one-act plays. Street, Weston and Yeovil Branches competed and Street and Weston were both judged excellent. the standard of all three plays was very high and the three branches were complimented by the Mission Board members who took part in the judging.

★ Yeovil Vanguards and Ensigns beat a team from Weston at soccer on March 2nd. The game was played on the Weston sands. Both teams had the assistance of adult members to help swell the numbers. Referee, was District President Norman T. Woodhead, Yeovil proved the better side.

The following week the District Y.W.M.I.A. held an all-day campcrafter meeting at Weston with various tests for the young ladies to pass. Sisters Enid Fulfit and Sylvia Gwilliam were in



Beverly Girls Venture Corp. performed the opening and closing routines at the "Mayor's Charity Concert" in North British Mission.

charge of the programme and Mission Board members judged the results.

★ "Tall Tales" was the theme for the District speech contest held at Street on April 6th. Some of the stories certainly were tall and they ranged from camping on a traffic round-about to dare-devil antics in a spitfire. In fact "truth" was distorted beyond one's wildest imaginings.

★ On the District Primary front in Somerset, a "Primary Children's Sing" was held at Weston on March 23th. A very high standard was reached with some of the children and Yeovil Branch Primary were the winners with their version of "The Sound of Music". Street Branch were a close second with Hanzel

and Gretel from Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales. Weston Branch portrayed Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

BRITISH MISSION

★ To celebrate the Relief Society Anniversary, the Lowestoft sisters invited the Branch Presidency to a chicken dinner on March 20th. Also during the evening, prizes were presented for the best grown hyacinths, which were used for Church decoration during the spring.

A Silver Can night was organised by the Branch on April 8th, to raise funds for their budget. Each member had previously been given a can painted silver, to collect odd silver in. When the cans were opened it was found that they had raised £19 7s. 10d., a really grand

effort. There were games and dancing during the evening, and the Relief Society had prepared a running buffet. Michael Miles, accompanied by his wife at the piano, sang two songs. During the latter part of the evening, farewell gifts of Parker Pens, each engraved with their names, were presented to the Coleby family, who are leaving for Salt Lake City. Branch President Leonard Bell, and three other members who had served with brother Coleby during his four years as Branch President gave appreciation for the hard work that the family had given to the branch.

IRISH MISSION

★ On the 29th March, the Belfast District M.I.A. held a Gold and Green Ball at the Hollywood Road. "The Newmen" group provided the music.

The room was decorated with tall, imitation palm trees and the group were backed by an island while in a corner a life-like swan rested on a silver sea all of her own. The ceiling was hung with gigantic butterflies and large cane cages on which brightly coloured parrots perched. The room was lit by three gold and green spotlights.

All the ladies wore bright paper garlands which they had received when entering.

After a few songs from the group, there was a short intermission.

Sister Kitchen and Sister Morrow worked hard in the kitchen selling minerals and crisps, and looking after every-one's appetite.

At half ten Jean Guy and Diane Cambell demonstrated the cha-cha, and then Mission President and Sister Theron Ashcroft performed a few dances that their grandparents used to do. Then Michael Shields took over the micro-

phone with his guitar and voice, and later Valerie Hill accompanied him.

Several spot dances were held. The men received cuff-links and the girls propelling pencils, as prizes. The group also played for several birthday and wedding anniversaries.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ At a recent "Open Activity Night" at Stourbridge, 8 members and one investigator enjoyed themselves climbing ropes and playing leapfrog before settling down to the more serious business of the evening, which was basketball. The ladies had challenged the men, and although they played a good game, they were defeated by a few points, so it would seem that beauty is not a great asset against brawn. Later on Brother Yeomans, an experienced badminton player gave a few short lessons to June Hale, Margaret Prosser and Janet Eden, and to end the evening Brother Hathaway an ex-football player revealed his skill and tactics at scoring goals.

On 13th April the M.I.A. met at 2 p.m. for a hike to Kinver. Twelve miles away at Kinver a stone had been inscribed with the words LDS and Mormon, and although some of the hikers suffered slightly from bruised feet, the journey was one to be remembered.

They returned to Stourbridge by public transport, the excuse being that it was Elder Moulton's birthday and a party had been arranged for him. The sisters had provided a wide variety of food, which disappeared even faster than usual after a day spent in the fresh air. Fun and games and entertainment concluded a very enjoyable day.

At a Fireside in April, Elder Thomp-

son showed a film about Family Home Evenings, which was greatly appreciated by those present. During the evening Margaret Prosser, who was leaving the branch to continue her nursing career in the Women's Royal Army, was presented with a "Book of Mormon," and "Gospel Principles" inscribed with the names of all the members.

★ Just recently Redditch Relief Society had a well earned evening out, with their families to see the film "Half a Sixpence". They found it very entertaining and had a wonderful time.

On Sunday March 17th they celebrated the Anniversary of Relief Society combined with a fireside evening. The meeting was held at the home of one of the sisters, and after harmonizing in several songs, two talks were given on different aspects of Relief Society.

There was also a very interesting film shown, and then refreshments were served, this consisted of a wonderful assortment of home-made cakes, pastries and open sandwiches all provided by the Relief Society.

★ On March 30th, two Kidderminster elders were given a surprise party by the Relief Society sisters to celebrate their 21st birthdays. When Elder Boyack and Elder Best arrived at the chapel they found 16 saints waiting to welcome them and two tables laden with fancy cakes, jellies, biscuits and a birthday cake. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

★ On Easter Monday the Peterborough members had a wonderful get together, they did what many other people do on Easter Monday and that is walk. Their walk wasn't in support of "ban the bomb" or anything aggressive like that,

it was strictly a social function. They all met at the chapel at 2 p.m. with instructions to bring enough food for themselves for a pot luck picnic.

Those with transport took the others to a spot just out of town where they had decided to begin the walk and left them there, then the motorists transported those who did not wish to walk to a lovely spot about six and a half miles away, called Barnack Hills and Hollows. This is where the stone was quarried to build the Peterborough Cathedral. After the cars had been parked at a convenient spot, one brother on patrol duty transported all the other drivers back to join the walkers. The weather was ideal and when a count was taken it was found that there were 38 walkers and 21 others, this was a wonderful effort to bring unity to the branch.

Cecil Guscott had his van parked halfway serving orange and lemon drinks—walking is thirsty work. And the patrols picked up those who fell by the wayside! The early arrivals played games around the hills while waiting for the others to arrive then when all were gathered in they had a wonderful picnic. There were three different varieties of salads, hard boiled eggs, lots of sandwiches, cakes, tins of fruit and ice cream. After a few more games they all made tracks for home the tough ones walking back again.

★ Primary teachers of the Stafford Branch, took their young pupils for a day out at Dudley Zoo on 17th April. The weather was fine and a packed lunch was provided by the teachers. Some 16 children and 7 adults enjoyed the day. A minibus was hired for the occasion, driven by Pres. K. Chessemann.

No-one was eaten by the lions and everyone returned safely and happily extending thanks to teachers who looked after the children so well.

BIRTHS

★ Feb. 1st—To John and Margueritea Davies, Cork Branch Irish Mission, a son, Lloyd Ashley.

★ Feb. 21st—To Philip and Doreen Nash, Crawley Branch, a son David Anthony Nash.

★ March 9th—To Allan and Dorothy Fellows of Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a son, Michael Russell.

★ March 23rd—To Alex and Frances Stewart, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Ruth Alison.

★ March 31st—To Boris and Jane Roberts, Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Amanda Lee.

★ April 3rd—To George and Winifred Ward of Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter, Maria.

★ April 25th—To Neil and Wendy McEwan, Huddersfield Ward, Leeds Stake, a son, Boyd.

ENGAGEMENT

★ Christine Stone of East Hull and Ian Taylor of Rochdale. They first met four years ago while Ian was serving on a Church Building Mission. He now lives in Hull and is the East Hull Branch clerk.

★ On Saturday, 9th March, the engagement was announced between Bro. Roy Freeman of Stafford and Sister Beryl Key from Newcastle. The couple became engaged just before taking part in a temple session.

Bro. Freeman who lives at Haughton has been a member of the Church eight years and has served the Stafford Branch in many positions. At present he is branch clerk. Sister Key has been a member two years and is the YWMIA president at Newcastle. They plan to marry soon. Both Stafford and Newcastle extend sincere congratulations and wish them every happiness.

MARRIAGES

★ On Jan. 20th, Valerie Whitehead of East Hull was married to David Stone at the East Hull Chapel. The service was conducted by President Stone.

★ A second wedding took place at the East Hull Chapel on March 23rd, when Patricia O'Neill married James Simpson, who is a member of the West Hull Branch. It was a grand occasion with the use of an organ, played by Peter Goodman, the City Hall organist.

★ Eddie Bentley and Jacqueline Bobby were married at the West Hull Chapel on March 2nd, then on March 30th, Jacqueline's brother Christopher married Patricia Layton at York.

★ Joan Bray and Alan Oliver were married at Helston on March 23rd. The little church was crowded and over sixty people attended the reception afterwards.



★ Kathleen Young and Derek Sillett after their wedding at the Norwich Chapel. The bride wore a full length dress of nylon net and chiffon and swiss guipure lace and carried a bouquet of orchids and white freesias. She was attended by Pat Whittaker, Doreen Mason, Cherry Ward, Susan Sillett and Christine Road, the best man was Michael Sillett.

★ The marriage between Brian John Peadle and Betty Paul, both of the Coventry Ward, took place at the new Coventry Chapel on Friday, 22nd March. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Axcell, and John Joseph, President of the Nuneaton Branch was best man. The bride who was given away by her brother F. H. Paul, wore a dress of heavy white satin and a coat of white

figured cotton and carried a bouquet of golden rosebuds and white freesias. Lesley Paul, her niece acted as bridesmaid. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Cultural Hall, and then the couple left for the Temple.

★ It was a fair cop, when Allan Webster married Pauline Turner at the Norwich Chapel on March 2nd. Allan baptised Pauline into the Church after meeting her as a fellow constable in the Norfolk Police Force. She has now resigned from the force considering one policeman in the family enough.



Allan Webster and Pauline Turner.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

★ Do you need more time to prepare a Sunday School lesson, work in your garden or to read a favourite book? Try some of these household hints by Karen Bateman of Hyde Park Ward, London Stake. They are interesting and useful time savers.

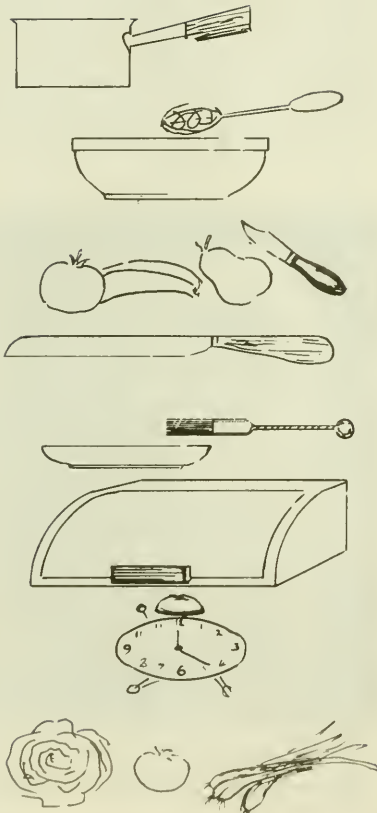
Karen was one of the Millennial Star Short Story Contest winners. Her story was published in the March Millennial Star. She is the wife of Neldon Bateman of the Hyde Park Ward Bishopric and the mother of four young children. She is an active Church worker, busy mother and a fine creative writer.

COOKING HINTS

1. If you will rub a little fat around the top of the pan when you are cooking rice, spaghetti or macaroni, It will keep the pan from boiling over.
2. When fixing egg whites for meringue or icing, add 1 tablespoon of water to every egg white before beating. It will double your yeild.
3. When preparing fruit for fruit salad, cut apples, bananas, peaches or pears and dip them in orange or lemon juice to keep them from turning dark.
4. When cutting a fresh cake, use a wet knife.
5. Brush the undercrust of fruit pies with the white of egg before adding fruit. It will prevent the crust from becoming soggy.
6. If brown sugar is stored in the bread box, the bread will keep moist and fresh longer and the sugar will be free from lumps.

TIPS ON MEAL PLANNING

1. Meals should be planned several days at a time, or even a week. You will avoid monotony and duplication as well as save time and money.
2. Keep seasons in mind and make the best use of foods at their best. Remember the eye eats first! As you



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plan, think how the meal will look as well as taste.

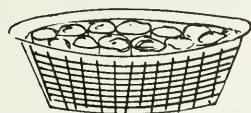
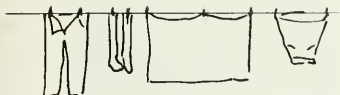
3. Be sure to have contrast in colour, in texture and flavours.
4. Do not repeat the same flavour or food in one meal.
5. Plan desserts that are really part of the meal, and a light dessert if the meal has been heavy.
6. Make the best use of your oven's capacity by planning oven dinners.
7. Let the family vote on new foods tried.

LAUNDRY HINTS

1. If you scorch woollens, you can remove it by rubbing rolled oats carefully over the spot.
2. In the winter, if you add a handful of salt to the rinse water, it will keep your clothes from freezing as you hang them out.
3. Fold pillow slips together in pairs when you iron them. You won't have to search for matching ones when changing your bed linen.
4. When you sprinkle clothes to iron, stand the rolls on end in the laundry basket. You can then see the different colours and fabrics and find any particular article without digging down to the bottom.
5. You can remove ink stains on fabrics if you soak the article in milk until the stain disappears.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD TIPS

1. If you will hold a nail under very hot water or put it in hot wax before driving it into a wall, it will prevent the plaster from cracking.
2. To keep pictures from slipping or hanging unevenly, hang them first facing the wall. Turn them over, crossing the wires and they will not slip.
3. You can make a wire hanger twice as strong by binding two together with adhesive and cover them with ribbon.



Elisabeth Cheetham

Member 60 Years

★ Elisabeth Cheetham has been a member of the Church for sixty years. She is not only the oldest member in Lincoln, but is one of the most faithful. She celebrated her ninety-third birthday anniversary this year.

Sister Cheetham was born in London in 1875. The family moved to Lincoln while she was a young child because of her mother's ill health. It was in Lincoln that she attended St. Botolphs School and nurtured a desire to teach. When she was thirteen, she did teach, but when her father died, of necessity she abandoned her wish and went into domestic service to earn a living.

She was married to John William Cheetham when she was twenty-five in 1906 and after five years they had one son. During this time they lived with Sister Cheetham's mother who was ill and needed constant care.

The Elders called at their home in Lincoln and taught them the Gospel. Elisabeth and her mother joined the Church. She well remembers a little book that the missionaries gave to her entitled "Cowdry's Talks on Doctrine." She read this along with the standard works and gained a testimony. She was baptised December 12, 1908 by Elders A. J. Gilbert and D. K. Hendry. Sister Cheetham recalls that when they joined the Church there was only one other member in Lincoln. The branch grew temporarily but then people moved away or lost interest. For many years there was no branch and no missionaries proselyting in Lincoln. During this time Sister Cheetham lived the Gospel, paid her tithing and travelled to Nottingham with her son to attend conferences.



Elisabeth Cheetham, member 60 years.

Later the missionaries returned to Lincoln but again were withdrawn because of poor response. In 1959 the missionaries again went to Lincoln. Many people were baptised and there is now a flourishing branch.

Sister Cheetham cared for her invalid mother for ten and a half years until her death. Her husband was ill also and was confined to a wheelchair for thirty years. His faithful wife, Elisabeth, cared for him during this long period.

Although Mr. Cheetham never joined the Church, he was kind to the missionaries. Sister Cheetham is convinced that he would have joined had he been able to do so. He passed away sixteen years ago and an Elder who served in Lincoln did his temple work for him.

A highlight in Sister Cheetham's life was when she went to the London Temple for her own endowments. She was accompanied by President and Sister Kenneth Poole of Leicester Stake.

Sister Cheetham's testimony is strong. She regrets that she cannot attend Church services regularly, but still reads Church literature avidly. She is an inspiration to talk to and has been an influence for good all of her life.



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Statistical Record

★ The First Presidency issued the following statistical report concerning the membership of the Church at the end of the year 1967

Number of stakes of Zion at close of 1967	448
Number of wards	3,544
Number of independent branches in stakes	622
Total wards and independent branches in stakes at close of year	4,166
Number of mission branches at close of year	1,987
Number of full-time missions at end of year	79
Church membership, December 31st, 1967:	
In the stakes	2,144,766
In the missions	469,574
Total membership	2,614,340

Church growth during 1967:

Children blessed in stakes and missions	56,387
Children of record baptized in stakes and missions	53,591
Converts baptized in stakes and missions	62,280

Social statistics (based on 1967 data from the stakes):

Birth rate per thousand	27.55
Number of persons married per thousand	16.11
Deathrate per thousand	5.05

Priesthood:

Members holding the Aaronic Priesthood, December 31, 1967:

Deacons	118,149
Teacher	83,583
Priests	121,842
Total number holding Aaronic Priesthood	323,574

Members holding the Melchizedek Priesthood, December 31, 1967:

Elders	216,354
Seventies	22,962
High Priests	72,150
Total number holding Melchizedek Priesthood	310,466

Shows Growth

Grand total, members holding Aaronic or Melchizedek Priesthood 634,040
An increase of 36,360 during the year.

Auxiliary organizations:

Relief Society (membership)	298,825
Deseret Sunday School Union (average attendance)	777,354
Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. (enrollment)	313,956
Young Women's Mutual Improvement Assn. (enrollment)	326,795
Primary (children enrolled)	473,480

Welfare Plan:

Number of persons assisted during the year	112,055
Number placed in remunerative employment	6,809
Man-days of work donated to the Welfare Plan	130,966
Unit-days of equipment use donated	7,300

Genealogical Society:

Names cleared in 1967 for temple ordinance	1,986,335
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Genealogical records microfilmed in 16 countries during the year brought the total of 699,587 one hundred foot rolls of microfilm for use of the Church which are the equivalent of over 3,000,000 printed volumes of 300 pages each.

Temples:

Number of ordinances performed during 1967 in the 13 operating temples:	
For the living	54,826
For the dead	4,510,940
Total number of ordinances	4,565,766

Church School System:

Total 1967 culative enrollments in Church schools including institutes and seminaries	186,323
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Schedule Of Services In Holiday Areas of Great Britain

★ Helston Branch, 3 Jubilee Terrace, Helston, Cornwall.

SUNDAY

9.15 a.m. — Priesthood

10.15 a.m. — Sunday School

6 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

TUESDAY

6 p.m. — Primary

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

(Hall located one door up from the Angel Hotel)

★ Commencing June 2nd Harlech Branch Sunday School will be held at the Memorial Hall, Harlech at 11 a.m. All visitors will be warmly welcomed, says Albert C. Austin, presiding elder. The hall is near Harlech Castle, a short distance down the street on the left. Rambles through local countryside can be arranged if desired.

Pres. Austin says that during the holiday period many Latter-day Saints visit the area.

★ Southampton Branch, Portsmouth District, Chetwynd Road, Basset, Southampton.

SUNDAY (First Sunday of Month)

11 a.m. — Priesthood

4 p.m. — Fast and Testimony Meeting

SUNDAY

11 a.m. — Priesthood

2 p.m. — Sunday School

4 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

MONDAY

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

THURSDAY

5 p.m. — Primary

FRIDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

★ Holiday schedule for the Lowestoft Branch, 165 Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk: The chapel is situated on the A12 Lowestoft-Yarmouth Main Road:

SUNDAY

9 a.m. — Priesthood

11 a.m. — Sunday School

6.30 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

12.30 p.m. — Fast and Testimony Meeting (First Sunday of Month)

MONDAY

7.30 p.m. — Athletics Evening — 12 years and over

TUESDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. — Primary

Sister Joyce Mann, Relief Society president, would be pleased to hear from any Latter-day Saints requiring

★ Torquay Branch, Southwest British Mission and Brixham District, Parkmount, Meadfoot Road, Torquay.

SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. — Priesthood

11.15 a.m. — Sunday School

6 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

holiday accommodation in the Lowestoft area. Bed, breakfast and evening meal. Further information from her at 90 Denmark Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, reports Ew. R. Hook, branch clerk, "Star reporter".

★ Schedule of meetings of the Hereford Branch, Midlands West District, Central British Mission.

Place of meeting: Co-operative Hall, St. Martins Street, Hereford.

SUNDAY

11 a.m. — Priesthood

3 p.m. — Sunday School

4.45 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

1 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting (Fast Day)

TUESDAY

2.30 p.m. — Relief Society

4.15 p.m. — Primary

THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

PRES. TANNER

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President Tanner said no one of the four persons whose shattered lives he told about, had even dreamed that taking the first drink or drug could fasten to themselves a habit they could not shake off and that would ruin them.

"I am convinced that our youth do not want to be bad. They do not set out to be alcoholics, nor to be drug addicts, nor to suffer and die with cancer of the lungs or some other pulmonary disease."

However, the advertisements, President Tanner said, never show the man or woman with a hangover, the crumpled cars, mangled bodies, the man in the gutter or the person in a hospital being fed with a tube in the nose because cancer has destroyed his throat.

Special

Bishop Moore Relates Trip To Conference

By Bishop William H. E. Moore,
Doncaster Ward, Leeds Stake

★ I have been asked to write an article concerning my recent visit to Salt Lake City to attend the general conference. How can you speak about something for which ordinary words are inadequate and yet I must try to convey to you, through the medium of what language I can command, the completely spiritual experience which has just been mine.

I was met at Salt Lake City airport by Bishop and Sister J. R. Moore (no relation), with whom I was to stay and who have recently been on a mission to Doncaster. This was a major part of the thrill and inspiration of this visit, to meet old friends and to make many new ones. I stayed with the missionary who brought the Gospel to me and baptised me ten years ago. How wonderful to find he hadn't changed a bit, after a few minutes it was as though it was only yesterday that we had parted.

For the conference session in the Tabernacle I arrived about twenty minutes beforehand, to find I was at the side, behind a pillar, thereafter, although in a reserved area I was in place at



Bishop William Moore

least 1½ hours before the session started. This time was far from wasted however, because it was then that the Bishops attending conference really got together and what wonderful discussions I had with several men from far and wide. Problems and solutions were discussed, inspirational experiences were exchanged. We felt so strongly and enjoyed so much the spirit of the Gospel emanating from each.

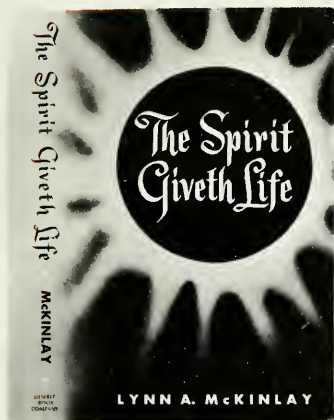
Concerning conference itself how can I tell you about it all? . . . the amazing Tabernacle, quite unbelievably the same now as when the pioneers built it in those arduous early days, with the Tabernacle Choir banked beneath the great organ and all the General Authorities seated in their respec-

tive places beneath them . . . the whole building packed and overflowing with stake presidents, bishops, and special guests. My heart was very full and overflowing when the realisation of where I was and what was happening came to me from time to time.

I am quite convinced that this conference was truly inspired of the Lord as speaker after speaker gave really wonderful talks, so pointed and piercing for the world today. I definitely felt that the Lord had a message and a word to say to the peoples of the world today and that He was using His ordained Apostles and Priesthood to do it, and indeed who better!

I think If I were to pinpoint one thing about this conference it would be President David O. McKay's opening message, read by his son while he sat beside him, watching all the time. All my period in the Church I have hung upon the words of the Apostles and especially their testimonies of Jesus Christ, and God, regarding which they have a special witness, of course. But here was the actual Prophet of The Lord himself giving us his testimony and witness, what more could I ask? I felt, as I listened to his words . . . "Brethern and Sisters, I have cherished from childhood the truth that God is a personal Being, and is, indeed our Father . . . my testimony of the Risen Lord is just as real as Thomas' . . . I know that He lives . . . I know because I have heard His voice, and I have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His Kingdom here on earth."





The Spirit Giveth Life

By Lynn A. McKinlay

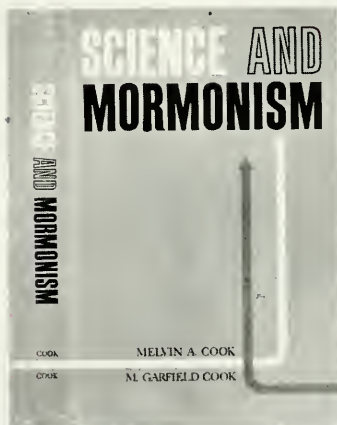
The Spirit Giveth Life will prove provocative, stimulating reading which will enlarge the reader's horizons and assist him in his understanding and application of the gospel message.

Science and Mormonism

By Melvin A. Cook
and

M. Garfield Cook

This book offers a definite point of view—one which may be disputed by some—but it nonetheless offers the author's best efforts to provide a witness and testimony that true religion and true science are not in conflict, but rather are in harmony.



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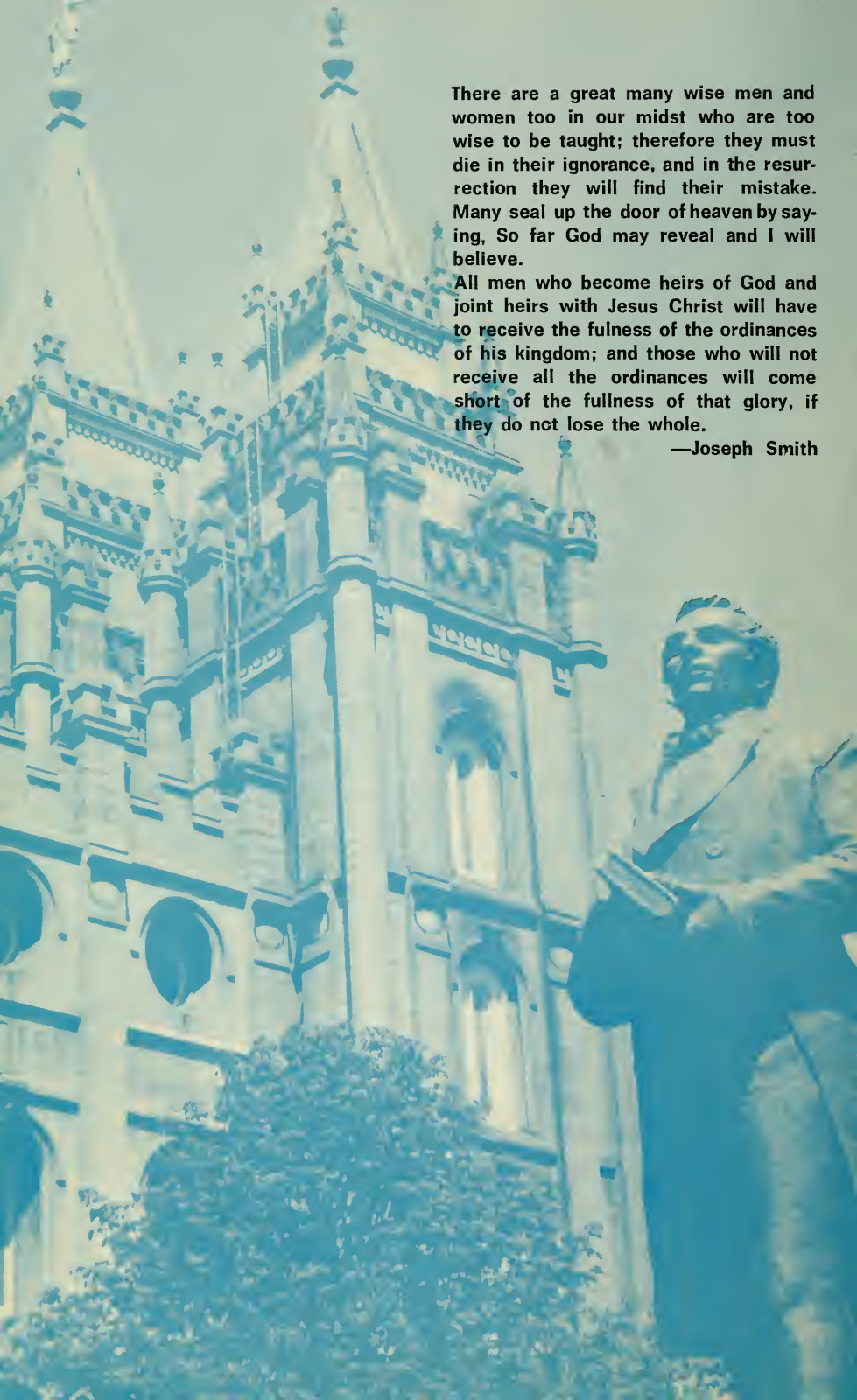
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- 8—British, Cen, Brit., Glasgow
- 15—Leicester, Manchester
- 22—London, Leeds, Scotland
- 29—Sunderland, S.W.B.

JULY

- 6—Br. South, N. British
- 13—British, London
- 20—Leicester, Br. South
- 27—London, Leeds, Glasgow





There are a great many wise men and women too in our midst who are too wise to be taught; therefore they must die in their ignorance, and in the resurrection they will find their mistake. Many seal up the door of heaven by saying, So far God may reveal and I will believe.

All men who become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ will have to receive the fulness of the ordinances of his kingdom; and those who will not receive all the ordinances will come short of the fullness of that glory, if they do not lose the whole.

—Joseph Smith

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President & Sister LeRoy J. Buckmiller in the grounds of the London Temple—
Story page 34.

Introducing — The Central British Mission

★ We begin with this issue the first of a series of articles concerning the missions in the British Isles. We hope to include, as far as is possible, pictures of persons and places relating to each mission both in organization and relative to Church history and other historical data that may prove interesting to readers and which will encourage them to want to visit such places.

The series will not necessarily follow in each succeeding month but will appear as the Millennial Star's enlarged programmes will allow. Where possible we shall endeavour to announce the various articles in advance.

Therefore, the first report, in this issue, deals with the Central British Mission, organised just seven years ago. The Leicester Stake lies within the mission area.

The editorial staff of The Millennial Star wishes to express appreciation and thanks for their kind assistance in assembling such information and pictures, to the following:

Pres. George I. Cannon and Sister Cannon

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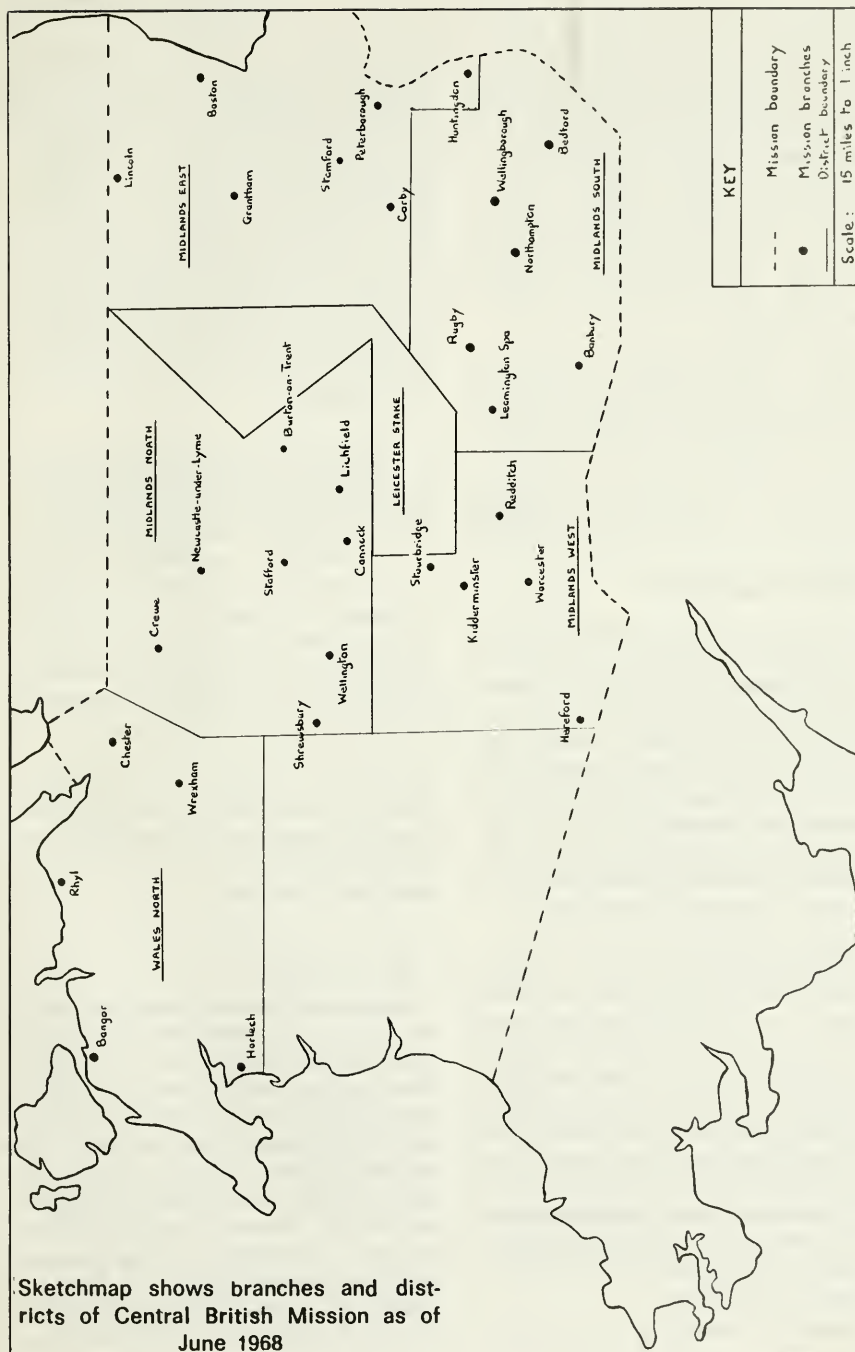
★ The Central British Mission was organised in March 1961, simultaneously with the Leicester Stake, and comprised part of the former Birmingham District, along with the Wales and Norwich Districts. Norwich was subsequently transferred to the British Mission in 1963, and Wales to the Southwest British Mission in 1966, but by this time, the great growth in membership and leadership had justified the organisation of four districts in the Midlands, and one in North Wales.

Presiding over this 10,000 square mile area is President George I. Cannon, who since July 1966 has been "Building Strong the Kingdom of God", following the great work done by his two predece-

sors Pres. Joy F. Dunyon (1963-66) and Pres. James A. Cullimore (1961-63).

Mission membership now totals 4,500, and is organised into five districts and thirty one branches, of which nine are dependent units. This has been made possible by the baptism of many complete families and potential priesthood, as evidenced by the growth within the present Mission area from 50 to nearly 250 Melchizedek Priesthood in seven years. The brethren are organised into three Elders' Quorums at present, and the goal is a Quorum in each district by the end of the year.

District missionaries have been called to supplement the fine work being done by the corps of 230 full-time mission-



aries, and the membership throughout the Mission are responding to the call of "Every member a missionary." It is interesting to note that 7 countries are represented in the missionary force, namely Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Turkey, and the United States, and missionaries from France and South Africa have only recently been released.

With the whole Midlands area shaping up for stakehood, the accent is on leadership training and sound organisation. A twenty-strong Mission Board supervises the Priesthood and Auxiliary programmes for the Mission, and plans the full calendar of the mission events.

Extensive Programmes

This includes such activities as the Missionwide Priesthood Conference, District Missionary Seminars, a Fathers and Sons Camp, Young Peoples Convention, M. Men/Gleaner Conventions and a full Sports and Athletics programme. A Mission Priesthood Council consisting of Mission Presidency, Mission Priesthood Advisors, District and Quorum Presidents, promulgates all aspects of Priesthood Correlation.

A Mission Youth Council, comprising Mission Presidency, Mission M.I.A. Leaders, and Athletics Directors, and District M.I.A. representatives, together with the Mission Youth Aaronic Priesthood Advisor, is the spearhead of action on all the Youth activities and achievement programmes. The Councils meet quarterly at the Mission Home and on each occasion, District representatives of one Priesthood programme and one Auxiliary programme also attend for leadership instruction.

Leadership training is also given at

the Sunday morning session of quarterly District Conferences, sessions being held simultaneously for one Priesthood and one Auxiliary programme, and these are proving to be very effective. Throughout the Mission, District leadership meetings are held monthly and District Presidencies with the help of District Councilmen, are aiding in leadership training and general development of well-informed officers and teachers. A District Council has been formed in every District.

The Mission is financially sound with all independent units operating the budget system and all districts also operating on budget. New chaples are located at Peterborough, Northampton, New-castle-under-Lyme, and Worcester, with construction under way at Lincoln. Several other branches have sufficient membership and priesthood strength to justify a new building, and are busily engaged in property search.

Many fine leaders have been developed over the years, and some of those currently serving in Mission and District capacities are featured in the following thumb-nail sketches.

Proud of Leaders

Members of the Central British Mission are justly proud of their leaders, and their fine heritage in the Gospel. Some of the most inspiring missionary work of latter days has been performed within its borders, and suffice it to say that in 1840, Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff and Heber C. Kimball met on the Malvern Hills, now in the Midlands West District, and there agreed upon the publication of the Book of Momon in England and inaugurated that historic magazine, the Millennial Star.

Midlands North District

Branches: Burton-on-Trent, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Crewe, Stafford, Cannock, Wellington, Shrewsbury.

President: Robert Mawle has been a member of the Church for 16 years and District President since March 1967. This calling followed devoted Church service in Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A., with periods as Birmingham Ward Clerk and President of the Lichfield Branch. While serving as a building missionary on the Crawley chapel, he met his future wife and they were the first couple married in the chapel one week after completion. They have two children and will soon be blessed again, and they always find time to have fun with them in addition to a busy Church and business schedule.

Midlands East District

Branches: Corby, Lincoln, Grantham, Peterborough, Stamford, Huntingdon, Boston.

President: Richard D. Thomas was called to preside over the Midlands East District in January 1968. As a Royal Air Force Officer, he is often on the move, and has had many opportunities since his baptism in 1962 to give Church service in various parts of the country. These include Fraserborough in Scotland, the Shetland Isles, Plymouth, Barnstaple, Weston-super-mare, Cambridge, Peterborough and Stamford. He has twice been a Branch President, has served in all the Auxiliaries, including Relief Society, and shouldered many Priesthood assignments. Pres. and Sister Thomas have 5 children, ranging from 9 months to 9 years, and testify to the importance and blessing of Family Home Evening.

Midlands West District

Branches: Hereford, Kidderminster, Redditch, Stourbridge, Worcester.

President: Harry W. L. Jones has only recently been released as Mission 1st Counsellor to head the Midlands West District. Since joining the Church in 1950, Pres. Jones has had wide Church experience, at Mission, District and Branch level, and was also one of the first Elders Quorum Presidents to be called in the British Isles.

He and Sis. Jones have always given dedicated service, and their work among young people was recognised in 1966 with the Honorary Master M. Man and Golden Gleaner Awards. Their son Terry has filled a fulltime mission in the western United States, and daughter Jill is married to Midlands West District Clerk Kenneth Chapman.

Midlands South District

Branches: Bedford, Banbury, Northampton, Rugby, Leamington Spa, Wellingborough.

President: Arthur J. Turvey joined the Church in 1956 and was called to the Northampton Branch Presidency within two months. Later he was sustained as Branch President just prior to purchase of land for the new chapel, and served in that office for 5 years during construction and completion. Since then he has shouldered District responsibility firstly as 1st Counsellor, and then as President. President and Sister Turvey and their two children also put great emphasis on family activity and Family Home Evening.

Wales North District

Branches: Bangor, Chester, Wrexham, Rhyl, Harlech.

President: When Ralph Roberts decided to move north from Epsom, Surrey to Chester less than two years ago he little expected to be called to the Wales North District Presidency as 1st Counsellor and later as President. Having served faithfully as Ward Clerk

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The Cannon Clan— Insurance Executive Now Motivates Missionaries To Action

★ In presiding over the Central British Mission, President George Ivins Cannon has changed from his business career of training agents to sell insurance, to inspiring and motivating missionaries in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Before coming to Great Britain in July of 1966, President Cannon was an Assistant Vice President with Beneficial Life Insurance Company of Salt Lake City, Utah. His activities in the Church have been many and varied.

During World War II, while serving in the U.S. Air Force in Africa and Italy, he acted as an Assistant Chaplain and LDS group leader. Following the war he served in the MIA on ward and stake levels, and then for thirteen years on the General Board of the YWMIA. At the time he was called on his mission he was serving as bishop of the newly created Parleys 6th Ward, Salt Lake City.

President Cannon is the son of George J. and Lucy Grant Cannon. His is a rich heritage in the Church, his great-grandfather George Q. Cannon serving for many years in the First Presidency of the Church, then his grandfather Abraham H. Cannon was an apostle before his untimely death at the age of 37. Heber J. Grant, 7th president of the Church, was his grandfather on his maternal side. It is reported that President Grant and Abraham Cannon used to secretly hope that their children might marry and such was the case when George J. and Lucy Grant were wed. George J. Cannon was a highly successful business man in Salt Lake City, and Lucy G. Cannon, in addition to caring for a family of seven, served for many years as General President of the YWMIA. President Cannon, until he came to England lived all of his life in Salt Lake City.



Pres. George I. Cannon and his family. From left, front, Douglas, George H. George I., Mary, Isabel H.; back, Grant, Wayne, Margaret, Kent.

Sister Cannon

Isabel Hales Cannon was born in Ephraim, Utah, to Wayne B. and Belle Wilson Hales, while her father was serving as president of Snow College. The Hales family moved about considerably while Dr. Hales was studying for his PhD, but then settled down in Provo, Utah, where he became a member of the B.Y.U. faculty. There, Sister Cannon went to school, graduating from the B.Y.U. with a degree in Home Economics. President and Sister Cannon met at the B.Y.U., and were married in the Salt Lake Temple by President David O. McKay, then in the First Presidency, in June of 1947.

The "Cannon Clan" has the unique distinction of possessing its own basketball team, plus two little cheerleaders. The five boys are the oldest. George H., 18, and now at school in Salt Lake City, has unfortunately only been able to spend six months in the Central British Mission. During that time he formed a deep love for the country and the British people, and regrets that military obligations have made it impossible for him to spend more time here for the present. While in England he participated in the athletics, music and missionary work of the CBM and Birmingham Ward. He also attended a term at Aston University, studying chemistry.

Wayne

Rugby football has been the first love of 6'5", 17-year-old Wayne. He has played for the school team, made the all-Warwickshire county side, and enjoys playing by invitation for other clubs. To partially quote from an article which appeared about him in the Birmingham Post (Sept. 27, 1967).

"Now Wayne — all 6 ft. 4 in., of him — is a key player in the John Willmott Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield, Rugby side . . . Apart from his physical advantages—he is, not surprisingly in the school basketball side—Wayne is an intelligent player, using his brains to supplement his great height. He can also take all the knocks that are going in his stride.

Wayne, from Salt Lake City came to Britain with his parents, who are Mormon missionaries, and has another full Rugby season before him at John Willmott School after this one . . ."

Wayne also participates in basketball and is on the athletics team. As a hobby he enjoys rejuvenating used motorcycles. Last summer, as a 16-year-old, he went out into the field and worked as a missionary for three weeks

3 Younger Boys

The three Cannon boys, Wayne, Grant and Kent, all attend John Willmott Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield. There, Grant has been busy in school activities, not only leading his form scholastically, but taking time out to sing one of the leading roles in the school opera last autumn. He has served as a reserve on the under-15 rugby team and played regularly on the basketball team. At present he is secretary to the Birmingham Ward YMMIA, and spreads enthusiasm wherever he goes.

Kent, 12, as a first former, plays rugby and is on the athletics team. He is captain of his form and secretary of the deacons' quorum in the ward. He serves as general handyman and Mr. Fixit around the Cannon home. Douglas, the ten-year-old member of the male quintet, is in school at Walmley Primary school. He loves playing football, running

and taking gymnastics. In between he somehow finds time to go to school and enjoy piano lessons.

Margaret Is 8

An event which Margaret, now 8, will treasure all her life is the fact that she had the privilege of being baptized a member of the Church in the Hands-worth chapel, the first building erected by our Church in England. She is in the Junior school this year and loves learning to knit and play the violin. Mary, 6, is thrilled at being able to read long before her friends at home. She has a lovely English accent, and it would be hard to pick out either of the younger girls from a group of their British friends.

As a family the Cannons enjoy many joint interests. They have lots of fun with music—singing and playing various instruments from the baritone horn to

the recorder. In the States they enjoy camping, especially if it is tied in with a fishing trip. A Saturday will often find President Cannon and the five boys on the ski slopes. Swimming, baseball, football and tennis are enjoyed by the whole family. Sister Cannon likes to sew, and lives in hopes that "some day" there will be time to really enjoy this hobby.

The call to serve in the Central British Mission was wholeheartedly accepted by the entire family and it has been a united effort from the start. The children have been real missionaries as they work, study, and play amid the British people. The mission has been a strengthening influence on the family as a whole, making the Gospel a part of life, twenty-four hours a day. One of the choicest blessings has been to work with fine young missionaries of the CBM, and know well the magnificent British saints.

Enter Now

HAVE you entered the short story contest sponsored by The Millennial Star, the closing date for entries is Aug. 30, 1968. You still have time. Start that story TODAY.



Present earlier this year at dedication of the Mission Home were, from left, Kenneth Chapman, clerk, Midlands West District; Sister Louise Thompson, full-time missionary; Sister Cullimore, Elder James A. Cullimore, Geoffrey and Julia Wilkins, Mission Board; Pres. George I. Cannon, Gillian Chapman, Midlands West District Primary counsellor; Sister Cannon, Gladys and Peter Williams, YWMAA superintendent, Mission Board.

(Photo courtesy West Midlands Press, Ltd., Walsall.)

Elder Cullimore Dedicated Mission Home This Spring

★ During President Cullimore's recent visit to the British Isles, he dedicated the Mission Home of the Central British Mission, Saturday, March 9th and both President and Sister Cullimore spoke. There were approximately one hundred and fifty in attendance, representing the Midlands, North Wales, and the local press. It was a very enjoyable service and greatly inspiring. Preceding the service, tours were given through the Home.

The Mission Home has been used for three years and was built for the express purpose of serving as the headquarters of the Central British Mission. The name, "Cotswold," finds its source

in the extensive use of the honey-coloured Cotswold stone throughout the grounds and building.

The Mission Home serves as the living quarters of President George I. Cannon and his family and also the missionaries who serve on the staff. The design of the building is very functional and provides adequate living space as well as efficient, suitable office areas. The facilities range from a modern kitchen to the printing room, where most of the necessary printing for the mission is done. The Mission Home is truly a help and a blessing in directing and coordinating the Church and missionary work in the Central British Mission.

Do It Today

YOU still have time to enter The Millennial Star Poetry Contest, closing date which is Aug. 15, 1968. DO IT TODAY!

Organized In 1961 From British Mission

★ The Central British Mission was organized in 1961 with James A. Cullimore as the first president. It had previously been a part of the British Mission with headquarters in London. The new converts of the Church in the midland area swelled the membership to the point that a separate mission was organized. The first mission headquarters were located in Sutton-Coldfield in a large, red-brick house on Pilkington Avenue. The mission grew and prospered in membership and by

1963 a larger home with more land was needed.

"Cotswold" was built and completed in March of 1964 soon after the arrival of the new mission president, Joy F. Dunyon. It was dedicated in March of this year and is a lovely home for the current president, George I. Cannon his family and staff. It has been said that the amber stone, the polished, golden wood, and the spacious openness reflects the warmth of the Gospel glow to all who enter its door.



The Mission Home above, as it appears today and at right, as the architect envisioned it prior to construction.





The Central British Mission presidency, from left, Derek Cuthbert, first counsellors; Pres. George I. Cannon and Benjamin Thorpe, second counsellor.

Local Men Assist President

★ Two local members have been called to assist President Cannon in the Central British Mission. Derek A. Cuthbert of Nottingham and Benjamin Thorpe of Rugby are counsellors in the mission presidency.

The Cuthbert family joined the Church in January, 1951 and have been actively engaged in the work ever since. Brother Cuthbert comes to this position with much experience having served as first counsellor to President Woodbury in the British Mission, as Leicester Stake President and as first Counsellor in the London Stake presidency. He has served as First Counsellor in the Central British Mission to President Joy F. Dunyon. Officially the family are members of the Nottingham Ward in the Leicester Stake but Brother Cuthbert is on loan to the Central British Mission.

By profession he is an Industrial

Economist and has many opportunities for travel. His wife, Murial, is the News Editor of The Millennial Star. They have nine children.

Brother Thorpe, who has only recently been called to the Mission Presidency, joined the Church in 1953. He was baptized in Manchester and has held positions of responsibility since that time. He was the Branch President of Aston-under-Lyme and later was called to be the Stake Clerk at the formation of the Manchester Stake. His occupation took him to Rugby four years ago and he was called to the Central British Mission-Mission Board for Home Teaching. He was later released to serve as first counsellor in the Midlands South District Presidency. His wife, Dorothy, has been on the Mission Relief Society Board and is now the District Relief Society President. They have three sons.

A Day In The Busy Life Of A 'Mission Mum'

★ The only thing that can really be planned upon in the day of a "Mission Mum" is the fact that there is no definite routine. It is important to try and schedule activities, times and events. But one must also be able to adjust and adapt to meet the unexpected that always pops up. What might a day be like in the Central British Mission home?

- 6.00 a.m. Rise and shine! Make personal preparations for the day
- 6.30 Mission Home family prayer. This gives a wonderful feeling of unity and purpose as we begin the day.
- 6.40 Start the family laundry. Make a written outline of day's schedule and list most important things to be accomplished that day.
- 7.00 Awaken children. Start their breakfast.
- 7.30 Feed family. Perhaps help with advance preparations on missionaries' morning meal while in kitchen. Help Wash up.
- 8.00 Out of the kitchen. Take care of the hundred and one details necessary to get the children off to school. Then tidying up the apartment and encouraging the children to do their assigned share, answering phone calls and reading mail.
- 9.00 See younger children to school. Complete final personal preparations for the day.
- 9.30 Try to be in office. Answer mail, visit with missionary who helps with my work, visit with new missionaries, study, check with President Cannon on problems which arise, editing publications, and at odd moments completing laundry for the day. About two morning's a week are devoted to ironing the thirty-plus shirts and other items, plus some cleaning of our living quarters.
- 11.45 Help missionaries prepare their stand-up lunch. Back to the office for a while, then perhaps walk to meet the children who come home for lunch.
- 12.35 Lunch with children and President Cannon if he is in. Wash up.
- 1.30 p.m. Back in the office. Visit with the cook on meal plans, take care of auxiliary work, run errands, check on supplies, work on talks and written materials, plan for District Conferences, missionary meetings and visitors.
- 3.30 Pick up youngest child from school. Try and be through with office work so time can now be spent with the children.
- 4.30 All the children are usually home. Help with arrangements for dinner. On Primary night arrange to feed them early so they can be ready to leave for Primary on time. Adjust schedule on M.I.A. nights too.

- 5.30 Dinner. This is the one time of the day we try to be leisurely, relax and unwind from the pressure of work which we feel in the Mission Home.
- 6.45 Check with children on evening activities. Help them, catch up on mending and finish ironing. On Thursday nights we eat alone as a family. This is followed by a home evening in which the children take turns planning, conducting and giving the lessons.
- 8.00 Two or three nights a week a fireside is held as one special occasion presents itself—new missionaries, missionaries leaving for home, special guests, missionaries going back into the field after living in Mission Home.
- 9.30 Mission Home family prayer. A quiet thanks to our Maker for a day humbly spent in His service. This is usually followed by a few moments of visiting and relaxation.
- 10.00 Start convincing the President it is time to “call it a day.” Usually not successful.
- 10.30 Time to retire. Attempt to catch up on a little studying, usually falling asleep in the process.

Personal comments: This is my schedule as I wish it would read. As I put it on paper it seems so simple and orderly, and yet the days fly by and it seems there are always unfinished tasks to be completed, regrets over not spending more time with the children, wishes that I could have been more effective. Often a choice must be made between whether to participate in a missionary or member activity, or to attend to the needs of the children, and I feel I must heed the instruction of the First Presidency that in my job “my first responsibility is to our family.” We do try to participate in as many member and missionary activities as we can as a family, and find it is a strengthening influence in building family unity and our individual testimonies.

Even though this is a challenging responsibility and an unpredicable life, serving as “Mission Mum” in the Central British Mission is a choice experience for which I shall be eternally grateful.



From left, Margaret Bourne, Cary Antcliffe and Gil Antcliffe.

Cook, Housekeeper Radiate Love To All

★ Much of the warmth and love of the Central British Mission home, "Cotswold" radiates from two lovely ladies who work there. Mission presidents have come and gone, but since the formation of the Central British Mission "Sister Cary" Antcliffe and "Sister Margaret" Bourne have steadfastly carried on in their duties as cook and housekeeper respectively.

Sister Cary (Rosevald), born in Danzig, Germany and a refugee following World War II, came to England nineteen years ago with nothing but her indomitable spirit. She worked and won her way into the hearts of all who know her. At her side is her unassuming, fun-loving, willing to go the "second mile" husband, Gil, whom she met and married here in England.

Although Sister Cary's title is that of "cook", aided by her husband, she spends many hours acting as chief purchasing agent for the Home. If something is needed, and Gil and Sister Cary can't find it, it just isn't available. Never blessed with children of their own, they have adopted every missionary in the Central British Mission, and the glow

of love radiates from them as they give fully of themselves to others. They have recently acquired a cottage in Shropshire which they have converted into a "storybook home" and it is a haven for all who go there.

Sister Margaret Bourne goes about her housekeeping tasks at "Cotswold" so quietly and patiently that there is a great risk of taking her for granted. Married to Frank Bourne, an electrician, she has three fine children—Maureen, Michael and Kevin. Two grandsons, Lee and Mark, are the idols of her heart. But then, Sister Margaret has a way of making everyone, including each missionary, feel equally important. She shows the patience of Job as she endlessly cleans scuff marks off the floor, polishes and shines with real pride. Her sense of humor and clever reply with eyes sparkling make everyone happy in her presence. The beauty and warmth of "Cotswold" are a tribute to her loving care.

Sister Margaret and Sister Cary are genuinely concerned about the missionary work and state of morale in the Central British Mission, and thrill with every success that comes.

CBM Crest

Inspires Missionaries, Members To Service

★ This is the **crest of the Central British Mission** of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It symbolizes our calling as servants of the Lord in this part of His vine yard.

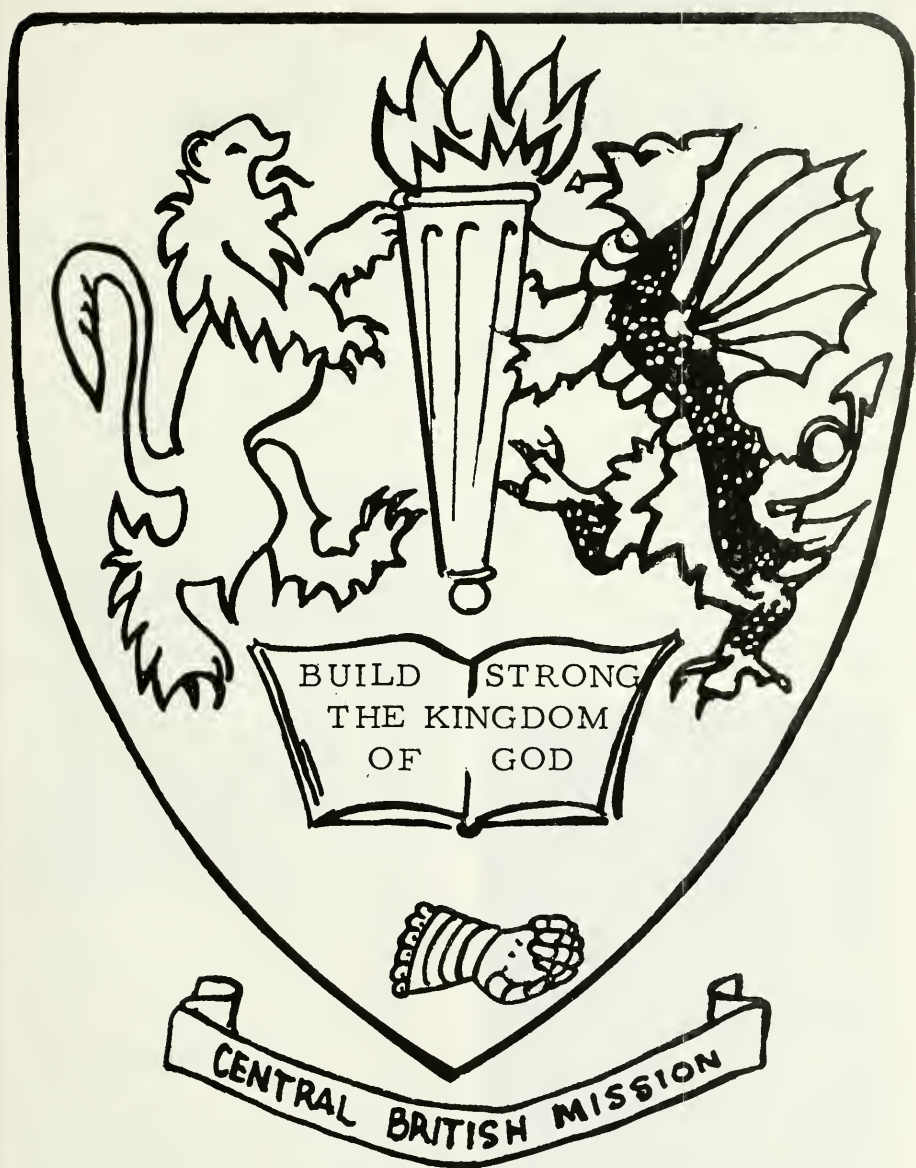
The **Lion and Dragon** have been from medieval times, the ensigns of England and Wales, signifying the courage, and forthrightness of the British people in all ages of history. They have been displayed proudly on many banners, but on none so important as the one you hold in your hand. Because they serve as a reminder to us that this land, too, is a choice land that many stalwart, and noble souls reside here; and that the responsibility for their hearing the Gospel of Salvation rests upon our shoulders.

The **Torch** is the traditional symbol of light and truth. To us as members and missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ it represents the light of the Restored Gospel. Just as the ancient Greek Olympians passed the torch from one to another, this "Torch of the Gospel" has been passed to us by our forerunners in this land—Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff, Dan Jones, and others to carry and share its light with all whom we come in contact.

The **field of blue** stands for the heavenly heights we must constantly strive for. We reach beyond ourselves to new horizons not simply for our own personal growth, but that we thus might more effectively fulfill our responsibility to lead souls into the Church.

The **mailed gauntlet** since the days of King Arthur, has signified a Challenge between men of honour and integrity. As modern-day Heralds of Truth, this gauntlet represents the Challenge given to us by a Prophet to build strong the Kingdom of God with many solid converts. This gauntlet is doubled into a fist, representing not force, but determination on our part to accept the Challenge and follow it through. It means that we will live clean, honourable lives, Challenge and Testify by the Spirit of God, and literally lead people into the Truth regardless of opposition from the forces of evil.

This crest should serve as a constant reminder to us that the magnitude of our calling is unequalled on earth, that we serve the Master Himself, that we might be able to say with Paul of old when our term of service in this land comes to a close, "**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.**"



Introducing The Mission Board

★ Members of the Mission Board travel from far and wide to fulfill their assignments. They go to Peterborough, Northampton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Worcester, Chester and Rhyl for district conferences as well as to Sutton Coldfield for the board meetings.

PETER and GLADYS WILLIAMS

★ Peter and Gladys Williams have served on the mission board four and a half years supervising M.I.A. activities of the mission. They have been responsible for the highly successful Youth Conventions, Gold and Green Balls and banquets and all other M.I.A. responsibilities.



Peter and Gladys Williams.

They joined the Church in 1950 and were the first converts of the Peterborough area in recent years. They have two daughters both of whom are active in the Church.

The Williams agree that the work is hard at times, but satisfying and rewarding. They believe that there is no greater testimony builder than working with the young people of the Church who will become our future Church leaders.

(Note: Brother Williams, since this article was prepared, has now been sustained as president of the Peterborough Branch.)

G. FARRELL and DORATHE RAE YOUNG

★ Brother Young serves on the Mission Board as Advisor for the Youth Aaronic Priesthood and his wife, Doratha Rae assist on the Y.W.M.I.A. Board. They are busy and active with other Church responsibilities, as well, as Bro. Young is a Councilman in the Midlands East District and president of the Huntingdon Branch.

Both are descended from illustrious Church stock. Brother Young's great-great-grandfather was the Prophet Brigham Young and his Mother's great-great-grandfather was Parley P. Pratt.

Brother Young attended B.Y.U. and then fulfilled a mission in Mexico. In 1962 he Married Doratha.

Mexico also features in Sister Young's life as her grandfather Heleman Pratt was called to colonise in Mexico. Her father was born there. Although he lived in the United States on different occasions he felt his life's mission was among the Mexican people. When Sister Young was seven years old the family moved to Mexico. When she was older she served as a missionary in the Northern Mexican Mission.

The Youngs are members of the United States Armed Forces and are stationed at Alconbury, Hunts.



Gaylord F. Young, Sister Doratha Rae Young, sons, Boyd and Michael.

WALTER COLEMAN

★Walter Coleman is in charge of the Sunday Schools of the mission. He lives in Worcester with his wife a daughter and a son. His oldest daughter, Ruth, is newly married and has been the branch pianist since she was nine-years-old.



Walter Coleman

Brother Coleman has held positions of responsibility in the Branch as branch clerk, counsellor in the Branch presidency and finally branch president. He was then called to serve in the district presidency. Sister Coleman has worked in Sunday School, Relief Society and Primary as well as Genealogy on a branch and district level.

The mission Sunday Schools have progressed under the guidance of Bro. Coleman. He has worked diligently to help each branch Sunday School to use correct manuals, develop Teacher Training Courses and to use visual aids.

The Coleman family have a keen sense of humor and enjoy each other. In there spare time they have a family folk group called "The Coleman".

MALCOLM AND HEATHER COOMBS

★ The Mission, whenever possible, calls married couples to the board. It would be difficult to find another couple more suited for the M.I.A. Board Sports Directors than Malcolm and Heather Coombs of the Lincoln Branch. Both have had much experience in games and athletics.

Sister Coombs is a Queen's Guide and while still at school played hockey for the junior county team. After leaving school in 1956 she went to Paris



Malcolm I. Coombs, Sister Coombs, with children, from left, Judith, Christine, Helen and Rebecca, eight months.

as an au pair girl and returned to England the following year. In 1960 she qualified as a State Registered Nurse.

Brother Coombs represented his school and county in swimming events in his youth but in 1955 contracted polio which put back his entry into University for a year. While at University he kept up his interest in swimming and was chosen to swim and play water polo for English Universities. He was also president of the University athletics team and followed this by another year as President of the Dental Society.

They joined the Church in 1963 and attended the Chesterfield Branch for a few months before moving to Woodhall Spa where he is now in general dental practice. 'Heather, his wife, runs a children's play group.

They have four daughters.

JOSEPHINE OVERTON

★ Sister Josephine Overton, of Peterborough is in charge of the Central British Mission Primaries. She joined the Church fifteen years ago and has since been engaged in Primary work.

She is married to Don Overton and they have three children.

Sister Overton reports that she first learned about Primary from Doreen Green of Leicester who was then Nottingham District Primary president. Later when she and her family were transferred to the Northampton District, it was Joan Neale of Rugby, who continued her training. Now Sister Neale is assisting her as Secretary to the Mission Primary Board.

Sister Eileen Dunyon, wife of the former mission president and a member of the General Board of the Primary

also had great influence on her Primary work. At this time she was called to be Primary president. She recalled how inadequate she felt but how inspired when Sister Dunyon said to her "We are not called into positions in the Church for what we are, but for what we may become." With these words as her guideline she has led the mission

Primaries with insight and skill. She has arranged for the term "Guide" to be changed so that it would not be confused with a girls organization in England called "Girl Guides"; Gained permission for the boys to wear a neck tie in the last year of Primary and changed the colour of the band as they go into the Vanguard programme of M.I.A.



Brother and Sister Don Overton and their two sons, Peter and Paul and daughter Caroline.

JOAN NEALE

★ Joan Neale is secretary of the Primary Board. She joined the Church sixteen years ago. She is a woman of great spirit and courage as she has endured death of loved ones, loneliness and tragedy. She has reared three sons and one daughter successfully. All are attending institutions of higher learning.

Sister Neale was called as a Primary Mother a week after she joined the

Church. She held the office for just over fourteen years in the Rugby Branch. She was also first counsellor in the Birmingham District Primary for two years and Primary president for Birmingham District and later the Northampton District for nearly twelve years. She was called to the Mission Board as secretary and counsellor four years ago.

Sister Neale was determined to improve her education and two years ago



Joan Neale

went to school and gained two O levels. Last year she started a course of Teacher Training and should be a fully qualified teacher in another two year's time.

She has worked as a secretary to Heads of Departments at Colleges and as a Headmaster's Secretary at a school.

ROBERT WOOD

★ Bro. Robert Wood was called as Mission Aaronic Priesthood advisor in 1967. He and his wife joined the Church at Stockton-on-Tees eight years ago. He was soon called to be president of the old Billingham Branch. He later moved to Rugby and became president of the Rugby Branch. He was released from this position when called to the Mission Board. He still serves in the Midlands South District as Genealogy Advisor.

The Woods have five children and

there are always babies about as they have acted as foster parents for the past ten years. They are very concerned for children and young people. Brother Wood is a member of the Voluntary Probation Group working with probation cases and released prisoners requiring guidance.

GEOFFREY ROLAND WILKINS

★ Brother Wilkins is a new member of the Mission Board and is in charge of the Member/Missionary programme. He and his family were referred to the missionaries by two dear friends, Brother and Sister Tustin (formerly of the Coventry Ward) after they had moved to Harlech, North Wales where the Wilkins then lived. The Wilkins spent weeks searching the scriptures and praying sincerely and the answer came. On the 18th of September, 1964 they were baptised in the sea at Barmouth.

There were only four families in the Harlech Branch and so they soon became familiar with all of the Church programmes. They were busy and active in the Church and by this time had five children. Brother Wilkin's salary as a fireman was not high but they always paid their tithing and gained a wonderful testimony from doing this. Christmas was a bad time for them in 1966 and they had to tell their children regretfully that there could be no extras. On Christmas Eve a huge box of groceries was delivered to their home and within an hour another box of fruit and vegetables arrived. On Christmas morning some friends drove over from Birmingham bringing gifts of poultry and food. In fact they had such an abundance that they were able to share their Christmas goodies with others.

They moved to Birmingham last year so that their children would have more opportunities to work. Brother Wilkins



Geoffrey Wilkins and family, from left, back, Sister Wilkins, John and Paul; front, Elizabeth, Jacqueline, Dean and Jennifer.

was immediately called to the Mission Board. He is also a seventies representative in the Birmingham Ward, so like President Cuthbert, he lives in the Leicester Stake but is "on loan" to the Mission.

Brother Wilkins pays tribute to his wife in all she does for him and the children. They were recently blessed with another daughter to add to their joy. They are a loving family and dedicated Church workers.

PERRY

★ Robert and Mary Perry were called as Genealogy Advisors on the Mission Board. Bro. Perry was serving in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Bedford. They since have been released as they have returned to the United States.

The Perry's had a special interest in Genealogy in England as their ancestors came from Gwenddwr in Breconshire and Llandilo-Graban in Radnershire. These ancestors emigrated to America twenty-four years before the organization of the Church. They were the first

family to settle in Delaware County, Ohio. Sister Perry is descended from English and Irish stock.

The Perrys are students of history which helps in their genealogical research. While over here, as well as working on her own genealogy, Sister Perry learned how to make Bedford lace.

MISSION GENEALOGY ADVISOR

★ Bro. Reginald A. W. Saville was born in Kings Lynn in Norfolk. His wife and daughter were baptised with him in Norwich in 1954. He is an Inspector in charge of the Guage Measuring room



R. A. W. Saville

for British Domestic Appliances.

He has been working in the Church since his baptism. He has served as a Sunday School secretary and branch organist. He has just been released as first counsellor in the branch presidency to take up a new calling on the Mission Board. He will be the new advisor on genealogy for the mission. It is a subject that has interested him for a long time and he brings to the task years of diligent Church service.



Pres. Victor F. Smart, Sister Gwen G. Smart, sons Paul right, and Simon.

A CBM BRANCH PRESIDENT

★ Victor F. Smart first learned of the Church when he met his future wife. She was baptized and active for some years before they were married. He was well known to the members of the Worcester Branch through attending social functions and taking his wife to Relief Society Meetings, but it wasn't until May, 1959 that two missionaries asked if they could hold cottage meetings in the Smart home. Bro. Smart agreed and upon being challenged just six weeks later, agreed to be baptized.

He has since been continuously active both in the branch and the district. His ordination to Elder took place at Leicester on October 8, 1960. Soon after this he was called to serve as clerk to the Northampton District Presidency and later when the district was divided, as clerk to the Worcester District Presidency. He was released from this office in 1963 and set apart as the Worcester Branch President.

A highlight of his calling has been the building of the new chapel at Lower Wick, Worcester. For ten months practically all his 'free' time was spent on the building site and the opening service on 11th March, 1968 was for him a dream come true. Particularly as the branch had met all its commitments in both labour and cash and he was able immediately on completion of the building to apply for dedication.

Just prior to his baptism Bro. Smart learned from his mother that certain of his ancestors were members of the Church. His great-grandparents were converts and sold their possessions intending to emigrate to the States. The night prior to their boarding the vessel which was to take them across the ocean his grandfather dreamed that the ship sank with no survivors. The next morning he refused to go on

board. Later he learned that this ship was in fact lost, just as he had dreamed. Although they later fell away from the Church, an elderly aunt of Brother Smart's told him that she could remember being taken to the Mormon church at Dudley by her grandmother.

Pres. Smart enjoys the love and admiration of his branch who have in him a fine leader. There was no one who worked harder or longer on their new Chapel—by their works shall ye know them . . .

GRANT L. THOMPSON

★ Elder Grant L. and Sister Mildred E. Thompson came to the Central British Mission from the Twentysecond Ward of Provo, Utah. They were both born in Scipio, Millard County, Utah where



Elder Grant L. Thompson and Sister Mildred E. Thompson, from Provo, Utah.

Brother Thompson served as Postmaster for forty-three years and owned a General Mercantile Store.

They came from pioneer stock, their ancestors accepting the Gospel in Scotland, England and Sweden. They both have served in various positions in the Church. Brother Thompson has been a

Bishop, Ward Clerk for eleven years, high councilman for thirteen years. He has also been active in the Boy Scout programme having held leadership positions in a Ward and Stake capacity and as one of the advisors of the Utah Parks Council of Boy Scouts where he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award. At present he is the President of the Wellington Branch, North Midlands District, a member of the District High Council and Home Teaching Advisor on the Mission Board.

The Thompsons are the parents of five children and have twenty-four grandchildren and are now awaiting news of the arrival of number twenty-five.

MIDLANDS WEST DISTRICT SUSTAINS NEW LEADERS

★ The Midlands West District of the Central British Mission has recently sustained a new District Presidency following the release after sixteen years' service of Brother Jack F. Passey.

Newly appointed District President Harry W. L. Jones joined the Church in September 1952 when he was baptised by Elder Stringham at Handsworth Chapel, Birmingham. He recalls his early days in the Church with some humor since there was only one other family in attendance at his first meeting—in a school room without any form of heating. A considerable effort was made to preserve reverence despite the snow which was being driven into the room through broken windows.

President Jones was ordained an Elder on the 20th June 1954 by Elder Charles Richard Devey and has served the Church in many different capacities. His most recent calling has been 2nd Counsellor in the Central British Mission Presidency.

In all his undertakings, President Jones pays tribute to his wife Gladys who has faithfully supported him and has



Midlands West District presidency, from left, David Head, Pres. Harry W. L. Jones, Thomas Byrne and Kenneth Chapman.

a very considerable record of service in her own right. She is at present serving as Mission Relief Society President in the Central British Mission.

Evidence of the love of the Church that exists in their home continues with their two children. Gillian is married to District Clerk Kenneth Chapman. She has served as a local missionary and is at present Worcester Branch Primary President, and a counsellor in the Midlands West District Primary. Terence served the Church extensively in this country before leaving for the United States where he served a full-time mission in the Western States, and is presently chairman of the Mid-West M. Men Gleaner Leadership Conference scheduled for Autumn this year.

First Counsellor to President Jones is Thomas Byrne. President Byrne has a long record of service in the District, having served as Worcester Branch President and in the District Presidency under President Passey. Sister Byrne

has served the Church as District Relief Society President and readers of the *Millennial Star* will recall that it was Sister Byrne's story which won first prize in our recent Short Story Competition.

Second Counsellor David Head did not join the Church until May 1965 but received an early calling to the responsibilities of office in 1966 when he became Branch President at Kidderminster. This was extremely arduous since President Head was living in Worcester; but he faithfully fulfilled the calling and attests to the spiritual growth that comes from working as a Branch President.

District Clerk Kenneth Chapman is a successful combination of sportsman and businessman, having been a professional footballer and currently a director in a precision engineering company. Brother Chapman has served the Church in several capacities—in particular as Mission Sports Director—and

is sustained in all his work by his wife Gillian, President Jones' daughter.

The Midlands West District have recently completed their first Chapel in 11 months solid work, and with this facility and the dedication of their District leaders, they are now poised for even more growth than those lonely days when President Jones first joined the Church in Worcester.

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at Epsom, in addition to various other leadership responsibilities during his 9 years in the Church, Pres. Roberts was well equipped to head the District organisation. His scattered area involves much travelling, but despite this and the many other calls on his time, Pres. Roberts, married with 5 children, rates family activity as high priority.

WE WILL SERVE

(Our Mission Song)

Words by Eileen Dunyon

To the tune "If I ruled the World" from "Pickwick"

As we serve the Lord
Going forth to preach the gospel of love,
Teaching men that there's a Father above,
Telling them of the joy that the gospel can bring
As we serve the Lord
Learning scriptures that we now need to know,
Praying, seeking that our knowledge will grow,
Giving heed to the counsel of prophets of God.
Britain, the mission field we all love,
Where we have come to work for the Lord.
Britain, we're here to bring you the truth,
So give heed to our message and its Promise!
As we serve the Lord
Missionaries who are working with zest
Testifying to the truth we love best
Building well for the Kingdom of God.
C.B.M.—C.B.M. our own,
Centered here as we are far from home,
We will serve, truth will win the fight.
We will serve.



Pres. Cuthbert with
Pres. Watanabe in
Tokyo.

CBM Counsellor Meets

★ A visit to General Conference nowadays is not considered anything out of the ordinary, but when it is part of a 25,000 mile trip to Canada, other parts of the United States and Japan, it certainly does not happen to many.

President Derek A. Cuthbert, 1st Counsellor in the Central British Mission, counts himself very fortunate to have had such an experience in April. Commencing with business meetings in Montreal and Toronto, he then flew via Chicago to Salt Lake City for a short stay in the tops of the mountains. This was taken up mainly with General Conference sessions, meetings with some of the General Authorities, and a session in the Salt Lake Temple.

It was also possible to meet with former missionaries and saints from

the British Isles at the Woodbury British Mission re-union and the Dunyon Central British Mission re-union. At the latter, President Cuthbert was able to give an exciting progress report on the Central British Mission over the past year.

An engine failure when about to take off from Salt Lake airport for San Francisco, en route for Japan via Honolulu, made a re-routing necessary. So it was, that after a brief stop in the Gateway to the Orient, the traveller flew north to Seattle, Washington, prior to taking the polar route to Tokyo which passed over the Aleutians and within sixty miles of Russia. The main purpose of President Cuthbert's visit to the Orient was to conduct business discussions in Tokyo and Osaka, but naturally the



Pres. Cuthbert enjoying hospitality of his daughter's penfriend, Kimitaka Yamamoto, in Horyuji, Naraken.

Counterpart In Far Off Tokyo

first call was to the Mission Headquarters of the Northern Far East Mission.

After meeting President and Sister Komatsu, who graciously received the visitor from the other side of the world, it was a special experience for President Cuthbert to meet his counterpart, Mission 1st Counsellor, President Kan Watanabe. Although the two brethren joined the Church 10,000 miles apart, their Church careers have very much in common. Both heard and accepted the Gospel in 1950 and were very soon actively engaged. Both have been branch presidents and have served in Elders' Quorums. Both are very missionary-minded, but whereas President Watanabe has served a fulltime mission in Japan, President Cuthbert has had to be content with four local missions.

With the great growth of the Church in the Orient, the Church is now planning to set up a Distribution Centre for all Church literature and supplies, and President Watanabe is playing a major role in this as Translation Service Department Supervisor for the Orient. President Cuthbert had a similar experience in serving two years as the first General Manager of Deseret Enterprises Limited, the Church's first commercial venture in Europe.

Last but not least, in comparing notes, the brethren found they were both very much family men, paying tribute to their devoted wives, bearing testimony of the happiness the Gospel brings to the home, and giving thanks for the privilege and blessing of a house full of children: they have thirteen between

them.

Another highlight of President Cuthbert's flying visit to Japan was the 350 mile journey by the Tokaido express, or bullet train as it is called. This took just over three hours including stops at Nagoya and Kyoto, an average of more than 110 miles per hour! Contrasted with this was the more leisurely but fascinating tour of the ancient temples at Nara and Horyuji. This was especially interesting since it was made in the company of President Cuthbert's daughter Maureen's Japanese penfriend, Kimitaka Yamamoto. This was followed by a Japanese-style meal at the Yamamoto home, and then a breakneck drive to catch the train to Osaka, and back to Tokyo.

The happiest part of the whole tour, however, came on the return journey which was routed via Hawaii and Cali-

fornia. There, in Los Angeles, President Cuthbert spent a wonderful Easter with his eldest daughter, Janis, son-in-law, Vaughn Croft, and grandson, Daren. The visit included sightseeing around Sunset Strip, Hollywood, the San Fernando Mission and other well known landmarks. When asked which he enjoyed the most, President Cuthbert stated emphatically: "Just talking with loved ones and going through the Los Angeles Temple with them, sharing each other's Church and family experiences, and planning a Silver Wedding get-together in England in 1970." The stay was all too short though, and soon the traveller was winging eastwards on the long flight nonstop from Pacific to Atlantic coast, for a business meeting in New York. Then it was home again to Nottingham, England, with a great story to tell.

LETTER TO EDITOR

★ "I just want to say thank you so much for sending all the back numbers of our Millennial Star so promptly. We really do appreciate your efficient service.

"It is so good to have the lovely magazine in our home again and the cover pictures of our own British Isles with their clarity and lovely colours are beautiful.

"I can see tremendous improvements in the Star over the past few months. It is a literary asset to any home.

"Thank you once more.

"Sincerely,

"Bro. & Sis. Ruth and Frank Brook
13 Clara Street,
Fartown,
Huddersfield."

Reverence

If you've ever been a-top a hill when summer breezes blow,
With the beauty of God's countryside spread out of view below;
When peaceful meditation uplifts you on its wings
Then Reverence has come to you and how the glad heart sings.

If you've ever seen a little child kneel to say his prayers,
And shut his little eyes so tight and lisp his little cares,
And thank his Heavenly Father for the good things that he knows,
Then you've got a glimpse of Reverence in the innocence he shows.

If you've ever met the Prophet, then you know what Reverence is,
As you gaze into his twinkly eyes and put your hand in his;
For your soul is full of love, respect, perhaps a little awe
As you contemplate this man of God whose faith and hope is sure.

But when you are in God's house, do you show such Reverence there
Does love respect, a little awe add purpose to your prayer?
And does your meditation rest on other people's needs,
And do you seek for quietude by reverential deeds ?

And does the Sacrament restore your innocence pristine,
And repentance clear your soul from sin, and leave your mind serene?
And do you stifle whispers that anyone could hear,
And concentrate on what is said, and keep your children near?

If you want to be near Jesus, and you should be every day,
Especially when in His house to sing, or learn or pray,
Then leave your worldly thoughts and acts behind you at the door
And show the Lord your love, respect, and perhaps a little awe

—Derek A. Cuthbert

(Pres. Cuthbert is first counsellor in the Central British Mission presidency,
and was the first president of Leicester Stake).

Pres. and Sister Buckmiller Express Thoughts As They Leave Beautiful England

By Pres. & Sister LeRoy J. Buckmiller

★ For the past two years it has been our privilege to preside over the activities of the London Temple of the Church. It has been a most rewarding and enlightening experience and blessing. We have travelled the length and breadth of this beautiful land and have found joy and happiness in meeting with the members. Wherever we have been the saints have received us with a hearty welcome and open arms.

We are most grateful for the devotion and love of all for the work of the Temple and for your kind acceptance of our efforts. Our desire has been to make full use of the facilities of the Temple for the benefit of members. It is a great blessing to have a Temple in the British Isles. With every blessing there is a responsibility and obligation. You have responded wonderfully to this responsibility and have more than doubled the attendance at the Temple. We commend you for it and pray that you may continue to be faithful in this the Lord's work.

As we leave the Temple for our home in America we bid you a fond farewell. Our family of seven children and 24

grandchildren will be glad to have us back in their midst. We have missed them of course but we have adopted all of you as our family whilst we have been here. You have taken their place during this time. We will miss you. We will always remember you.

Whilst we have been here many of you have wondered if the Church authorities would ever choose a President from your own native land. It has been my conviction that someday this would be done. Now it is a reality and you have President and Sister Dougald C. McKeown to preside as President and Matron of the London Temple.

I believe the Temple can now reach its full potential, particularly when you rally about them and make the Temple an integral part of your Gospel lives. Get it into your innermost thoughts and aspirations. Make it a living part of your everyday thoughts and actions and you will be blessed. The Temple work will continue to grow and the Temple become the vital factor it was dedicated to become in the hearts and lives of all who come.

May I take this opportunity to en-



Pres. and Sister LeRoy J. Buckmiller.

courage all of you to increase your research. Seek out your kindred dead and therefore meet the responsibility we all have in this phase of the work. This is one area where much needs to be done here in the British Isles.

There is such a wealth of material here to work with and many who are especially qualified to be of help in our reseach. The work in the London Temple will receive an added stimulus as well through extra emphasis on seeking and seaching out our genealogy. Only a small portion of the names supplied to our Temple come from research done here. Now is the time to give more attention to research. Our

dead must be saved if we ourselves wish to be saved.

Now in the years to come Sister Buckmiller and I hope to come back for a visit to this green and beautiful land. When we do we hope to find all of you here doing the work of the Lord and establishing Zion with love and sacrifice.

May good Lord bless and prosper each and every one of you. May His choicest blessings be showered upon you because of your faithfulness. If any of you should visit in America do come and see us and "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another."

BYU Cast Concludes Successful European Tour

★ The BYU students who have staged "Bye, Bye Birdie" a musical comedy in Europe the past three months, have given U.S. Servicemen a brief respite from their daily assignments, through wholesome fast-moving entertainment. Thousands of civilians, many of them members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have also thoroughly enjoyed the hilarious comedy as they have witnessed it presented in stake and ward centres throughout Great Britain.

The cast under direction of Dr. Harold I. Hansen of the BYU Drama Department, on sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Defense played before servicemen in Germany, Holland, Italy and Belgium, beginning at Frankfurt, Germany, March 20th. Before the cast returned home the middle of June it had played nearly 100 performances before audiences of 600 to 1,500 persons.

At least six of the presentations were in LDS Cultural Halls in Great Britain including Reading, Hyde Park, Glasgow, Scotland; Edinburgh, Scotland and Peterborough, during a "furlough" from their strenuous but invigorating schedule for the servicemen.

This was the sixth time to England for Dr. Hansen. He remarked of the "wonderful opportunities for the youth to participate in such rewarding exper-

iences in this day. This trip was near our own culture and therefore not nearly as hard as my trips to the Pacific, and particularly the Korean area where grimness of war and the cold weather can be terrifying."

He cited the reaction of the BYU students to the people they mingled with. Each student, he said was trying to soak in and learn all the culture and language he could.

Dr. Hansen said the cast was "frightened" at its first appearance before a British audience, but the audiences soon "warmed up" and the students have found the British "warmly satisfying."

The cast included Carol A. Barker, Pamela V. Bennion, Sheila R. Oliver, Gerald N. Pearson, Cheryl Pope, Judy L. Sealy, Christian A. Smit, Douglas C. Stewart, Linda K. and Janet L. Swenson, John N. Tatu Jr., Melanie Carter, Terry Tanner, Lund M. Johnson and Ronala K. Stevenson.

"It's been exciting meeting people and being with the servicemen," said Miss Smith lead. "The British are so wonderful, so warm and receptive."

Donald Overton, conductor, Westwood Musical Society, saw the drama at Peterborough Branch cultural hall and said the Society is now considering producing Bye, Bye Birdie. Some members of the Church are members in the Society.



Dr. Harold I. Hansen, left, rear, poses with cast of BYU's comedy hit, "Bye, Bye Birdie" which played before U.S. Armed Forces audiences in Europe, and before Church groups in England this spring. (Photo taken at Peterborough by Arthur J. Purser, Hemel Hempstead.)

Revelation—A Distinguishing Characteristic Of The Latter-day Saints

By President Alvin R. Dyer

★ A number of years ago there was a noted historian sent to Salt Lake City to study the customs and the way of living of the Latter-day Saints. He remained here many years among our people and published a book in the year of 1922 telling of his findings. He said he never knew the Prophet Joseph Smith. He could only tell of his work by the results as it was manifest among the people who were guided by the revelations from God which their prophet had received. He said:

"Who can explain Joseph Smith? What are the 'revelations from God'? What is their test? Is it not beyond all reason that a lad, born of poor parents, devoid of any save the commonest education, too poor to buy books, should have accomplished what he did in less than forty years, unless there was some great reason for it?

"Let anyone, even a literary genius, after forty years of life try to write a companion volume to the Book of Mormon, and then almost daily for a number of years give out 'revelations' that internally harmonize one with another, at the same time formulate a system of doctrine for a Church, in-

troduce many new principles, resuscitate extinct priesthoods, and formulate a system of Church government which has no superior upon earth . . . to deny such a man a wonderful power over the human heart and intellect is absurd. Only fanatical prejudice can ignore it. However, he may be accounted for by the reasoning mind, Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, was one of the wonders of his time." (George Wharton James.)

One of the great distinguishing characteristics of Latter-day Saint people is that they are governed by revelations from God, and whether people come into our midst, or whether we go out into the world, this characteristic remains a distinguishing factor.

I recall that some few years ago in one of the communities of Oklahoma a minister, in an effort to discredit the effects of our missionary work, in that area had an article placed in a daily newspaper, from which I quote a part. He said: "The first thing that you should know is that these missionaries are a part of a church that claims to have revelation and a prophet."

How well he placed the facts. Yet it



President Alvin R. Dyer

seems rather strange that a Christian minister would make such a statement in derision, for revelation and the prophets have ever been a part of God's plan to convey commandments and teachings of righteousness unto His children. There are others, like this minister, who feel that we have no right to receive revelation, but if we do not receive revelation for the guidance and direction of the true Church of Jesus Christ, then we do not have the oracles of God, and if we do not have the oracles of God, then we are not the people of God.

But this is not the fact, for over and over again God has revealed His will unto this His people, through His servants, the prophets. In the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants, which is a book of revelations given through the prophet Joseph Smith unto the Latter-day Saints, the Lord has said:

"Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and

spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments." (D&C 1:17.)

These commandments are revelations from God which provide the laws and ordinances of the Gospel and by obedience to them will exalt man in the presence of our Heavenly Father. The Prophet Jacob, one of the Book of Mormon prophets, speaks of the need of revelation in this manner. He says:

"Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of Him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. And no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God." (Jacob 4:8.)

Again Moroni another Book of Mormon prophet, speaks of those who would deny revelation.

"And again I speak unto you who deny the revelations of God, and say that they are done away, that there are no revelations, nor prophecies, nor gifts, nor healing, nor speaking with tongues, and the interpretation of tongues;

"Behold I say unto you, he that denieth these things knoweth not the gospel of Christ; yea, he has not read the scriptures; if so, he does not understand them.

"For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of hanging?" (Mormon 9:7-9.)

The revelations from God are a great expediency in leading man unto eternal life and exaltation. Yet in every age, where God's will has been expressed unto his people there have been those who have failed to obey and who have in some instances rebelled against the revealed word of God.

This was true with the greatest of all prophets Christ the Lord. Early in His ministry multitudes of people

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FROM THE CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

NO BAKE CAKE

Melt in Saucepan: 4 oz. margarina
1 tablespoon syrup
2 dessert spoons cocoa

When melted, mix and add to: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. crushed digestive biscuits
Spread into a greased tin.

Melt 2 oz. bar chocolate and pour over—leave to set.

Cut into squares before quite cold.

—Brenda Lodge, Redditch branch

SWEDISH APPLE CAKE

8 oz. white breadcrumbs
4 oz. margarine or butter
1 pound cooking apples
Jam
Cream

Fry breadcrumbs and margarine or butter in a frying pan till golden brown.
Stew apples, then sieve till there are no lumps.

Put into bottom of a dish half of the breadcrumbs, then a layer of jam, then the apples, then another layer of breadcrumbs, then the cream on top.

Serve cold.

—Vicky Oseland, Corby branch

PORTUGUESE SWISS ROLL

8 eggs
1 lb. sugar
1 teaspoonful flour

Mix the eggs, add sugar and flour, mix thoroughly. Pour mixture into flat tin, about 16" x 12". Line pan with greased, greased-proof paper.

Bake in moderate oven, Gas 5, for approximately 4 minutes, until top is brown and mixture firm. Turn out on sheet of greaseproof paper, dusted with sugar (Spread with filling if required). Roll as Swiss roll.

—Dorothy Thorpe, Rugby branch

CURRIED MINCE

- $\frac{3}{4}$ pound minced meat
- Onions to taste
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 meat extract cube
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pint water
- 1 large can baked beans

1. Peel and chop onions. Place in large saucepan with minced beef and fry until brown. Add curry powder and fry for a further five minutes.
 2. Sprinkle flour in. Crumble the meat extract cube and add to pan.
 3. Add water, vinegar and baked beans. Bring to boil stirring, and simmer for 30 minutes.
 4. Serve with boiled rice.
- Serves four portions.

—Olive Turvey, Northampton branch

TUTTI FRUITI CAKE

- 8 oz. milk chocolate
- 2 oz. margarine
- 4 oz. castor sugar
- 4 oz. coconut
- 2 oz. sultanas
- 2 oz. glacé cherries
- 1 beaten egg

Melt chocolate in tray, spread evenly and allow to set. Cream fat and sugar until fluffy, add beaten egg, cocoanut, sultanas, cherries (chopped). Mix well and spread evenly over chocolate. Bake in slow oven until golden brown.

—Olive Turvey, Northampton branch

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Skin a chicken, then cut off the legs and wings. With a sharp knife, starting at the wishbone, cut off the breasts. Place in casserole dish. Skin and cut two onions in rings. Put in slices on the chicken. Cook in oven, 400° Temp., gas reglo 6, for two hours. Serve with roast potatoes, peas and sprouts.

Cut the carcass in half, place in another dish cover with water along with neck, heart, liver, onions and carrots. Cook this at the same time, this will make a good stock.

By doing the chicken this way you have no waste at all ,and it does not go dry.

—Rita Graham, Chester branch

HOUSEHOLD HINTS FROM SISTER MARGARET BOURNE

Central British Mission Housekeeper

1. The first chore done any day should be one for yourself. Always make sure you are dressed and groomed to meet callers.
2. Be sure and think of what you are going to say before you say it. Then you won't be sorry later for an unwise and unthinking slip of the tongue.
3. Avoid running up and down the stairs, store things at the bottom, or top, and carry them up or down at one time.
4. Always keep a damp rag with you when cleaning. It will come in handy for wiping off marks, cleaning out windowsills, and is especially good for cleaning up the little bits and pieces off the carpet.
5. Always carry a few pins for emergencies.

SISTER CARY'S PINEAPPLE MERINGUE

Cary Antcliffe, cook, Central British Mission

Serves 8 generously
4 oz. butter or margarine
3 tablespoons flour
2-16 oz. tins pineapple chunks
1 lb. granulated sugar
6-8 eggs, depending on size
1 cup cold milk

Drain pineapple, put juice in a saucepan and heat.

Place the pineapple chunks in a deep 8-10" pie dish.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour to the butter to make a paste. Add 1 cup cold milk, and stir thoroughly. Then add hot pineapple juice, bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 2 minutes.

Take from cooker, and from the one pound of granulated sugar, add 2 tablespoons sugar and more milk if necessary to make a thick custard.

Separate eggs, putting whites in a dish for beating, and stir yolks into custard. Pour custard over pineapple chunks and spread.

Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff, add the rest of the sugar gradually. Continue beating until stiff. Spread on top of the custard.

Bake in a slow oven (250° F., Mark 2 or 3) until meringue is crisp and golden brown.

Serve hot or cold with whipped cream.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

★ To remove bird or ink from wallpaper rub with the inside of the crust of a white loaf.

★ To help take the smell of paint away, place a dish of milk, or an onion cut in half in the room over night.

—Rita Graham, Chester Branch

★ A few drops of vinegar added to the water in which eggs are poached will cause the eggs to set more quickly and perfectly.

★ When boiling beef cook it very slowly and add a dessert spoonful of vinegar to the water, which will make the meat more tender.

★ Burnt saucepans soaked in vinegar overnight, then cleaned in the usual manner, will come perfectly clean.

★ Dried paint can be removed from glass surfaces by rubbing with hot strong vinegar.

★ Coddled eggs. Bring water in the saucepan to the boil, place eggs in shell immediately into the saucepan after turning off the heat. Leave for five minutes. This way they can be easily digested by invalids and very young children.

—Gladys Jones, Worcester Branch

★ Carbon tetrachloride which can be bought for a few coppers in any Chemist shop will do the job even better than the more expensive fabric dry cleaners will do. It will remove grease, oil, blood, stains from clothing. Be sure to use in a well ventilated place, and do not inhale the fumes.

—Brenda Lodge, Redditch Branch

BAZAAR IDEAS

★ Buy two plastic doilies, place them together. Lace the holes nearest the side edge with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch ribbon, leaving a space at the top to put your hand in. Then put a handkerchief inside. These make nice handkerchief cases.

You can also buy the large square ones, line them with some nice material, then lace them the same way and use for a nightdress case.

—Rita Graham, Chester branch

★ Miniature Pioneer scenes are often a feature of our birthday celebrations. Effective log cabins can be made by splitting corks down the centre and glueing them to the shaped cabin previously made of plywood, or hardboard. After completion the cabin can be made very effective by painting with Matsine stain, and flecked by strokes of green paint on roof, which gives the effect of moss. Windows can be made with transparent plastic.

—Gladys Jones, Worcester branch

followed Him everywhere, for He blessed them, raised their dead and fed their hunger. But, upon that occasion when He announced to them for the first time that He was the Son of God and that He would reveal unto them the mind and will of the Father that He was the living bread sent down from heaven, they turned and walked no more with Him.

Seeing the people turn from Him because of revelation, He turned to His disciples and said, "Will ye go away also?"—but His nearest disciples led by Peter, did not leave Him, for they accepted His revelations; gone, however, were the crowds of people who had followed Him on the shores of Galilee and the hillsides of Judea. From that day forth, save for His closest disciples, He walked alone.

Unfortunately, in the early days of the Church not all of the Latter-day Saints accepted the revelations. I suppose that as each revelation was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and it was made known unto the people, just that many more of the weak Saints rebelled and turned away from the Church. This became one of the great problems to our people in the days of Kirtland and Missouri, for some of the members and leaders alike opposed and did all that they could to prevent the coming forth of further revelation, and the progress of the Church.

The Prophet Joseph Smith, speaking of this at Far West, had this to say: "Many men will say I will never forsake you, but will stand by you at all times, but the moment you teach them some of the revelations (mysteries) of the kingdom of God that are retained in the heavens and are to be revealed to the children of men when they are prepared for them, they will be the first

to stone you and put you to death."

The Prophet continued in this very significant meeting to make this further statement: Would to God, brethren, I could tell you who I am! would to God I could tell you what I know! but you would call it blasphemy, and there are men on this stand who would want to take my life." Continuing further, he said, "When God offers a blessing, or knowledge to a man, and he refuses to receive it, he will be damned." Thus by the implied remarks of the Prophet, the rebellion of the weak Saints in the days of Kirtland and Missouri continued, yes, even unto the days of Nauvoo. They seemed, unfortunately, not to understand the things of God, which had been revealed.

When the work of the Prophet Joseph Smith was completed, when he had received the keys, powers, and ordinances, and had conferred them upon the heads of the Quorum of the Twelve, when he realized and sensed that the time had come when he would give his life for his work, he seemed to speak, upon occasions more emphatically than ever before with regard to the truth of the revelations which he received, indicating that there were those within the Church then who opposed and did not accept all the revelations which God had given through him. These were his words upon the memorable occasion of one of his last addresses to the Saints.

"Oh! I beseech you to go forward and make your calling and election sure—when did I ever teach anything wrong from this stand? When was I ever confounded? I want to triumph in Israel before I depart hence and am no more seen. I never told you I was perfect—but there is no error in the revelations which I have taught." (May 12, 1844.)

Latter-day Saints Encouraged To Marry Within The Church

By Elder Mark E. Petersen

★ The Saviour's great fundamental teaching was that of love and out of love He taught unity, harmony, brotherhood, sisterhood. He prayed that His disciples might be one, even as He and His Father were one. He taught that a house divided against itself cannot stand. A man cannot divide his loyalty, either. No one can serve two masters.

When He placed apostles and prophets in the Christian church, as Paul explains, He did so to help the saints to be united, to reach a unity of faith, to understand what is true harmony. Yet, as we contemplate these teachings, we must realize that Christianity itself is sadly divided. Thoughts of unity among the churches are repugnant to most Christians, and still they claim to believe the Master's teachings urging unity and brotherhood, not division and lack of harmony.

One of the most difficult things about this division in modern Christianity is the effect it has upon family life. In these days of far too much discord in the average American home, religious

differences frequently become the important cause of discord, sometimes to the extent of breaking up homes, causing separations and divorce, with all their accompanying heartaches.

Every young couple on making plans for marriage hopes for a happy home life. Everyone wants to make a success of marriage. Most young couples have faith in God and seek His blessings upon their marriage. But in so many instances the very religions to which they hold tend to bring unhappiness to them because the couples belong to different religious faiths. This difference becomes a source of irritation, conflict, quarreling, and unhappiness. It becomes so to such an extent that those who have studied marriage most are convinced that so-called interfaith marriages generally are a mistake.

Christianity is too divided to permit Christians of different denominations to live together in peace and harmony. It may be a great reflection upon Christian living and Christian concepts, but it is nevertheless true. Interfaith marri-

age jeopardizes the stability and happiness of the home.

The Christian denominations are the first to recognize this. They, themselves, advise their young people to avoid marital disharmony by marrying within their own faith. I have written to many clergymen of various faiths asking their views on this subject, and have received back a whole sheaf of letters, all advising against interfaith marriage. To give you a small cross section of their opinions, I quote a few excerpts from them.

From New York City, St. Patrick's Information Centre, the Rev. Charles J. McManus writes:

"You can gather the position of our Church from the fact that Catholics are forbidden to marry non-Catholics by Church law."

And from the Salt Lake Diocese of the Catholic Church, a letter signed by the Rev. Francis T. Kelleher, says:

"His Excellency, Bishop Hunt has requested that I answer your letter.

" . . . a mixed marriage is always potentially dangerous. Disagreement on religion can lead to unhappiness for both parties, confusion and indifference on the part of the children, and even breakup of the family. We have seen it happen time and time again."

From the First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City, the Rev. E. E. Bollinger writes:

"The Protestant tradition has always taken a firm stand in advising young people to marry within their own historic faith . . .

"We . . . agree with the LDS Bishop, the Jewish Rabbi, and the Roman Catholic Priest, that chances for harmony in marriage are greatly minimized when there are two major religious traditions in the home . . ."

The Rabbi Mordecai Podet of the

Congregation B'Nai Israel of Salt Lake City, writes:

"To my knowledge no clergyman, marriage counselor, or other person professionally trained and experienced in marital matters recommends mixed marriages . . . The Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the organization of liberal rabbis, is on record opposing mixed marriage."

The Colorado Woman's College conducted a discussion for the students of the college in which a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest, and a Protestant minister spoke. Following this discussion, the Rocky Mountain News summarised the information given in their issue and said:

"Marriage between people of different religious faiths is often the start of loss of faith, delinquency or divorce . . ."

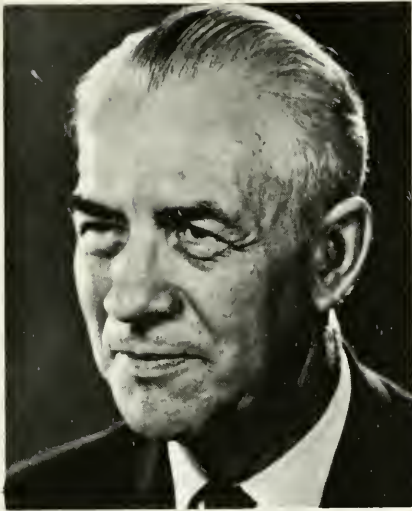
The New York Times carried an article entitled, "Why Marriages go Wrong," and among other things said:

" . . . there are approximately three times as many divorces or separations in Catholic-Protestant marriages as there are when the marital partners are of the same faith, and about four times as many when a Catholic father is married to a Protestant mother. And here again the story of marital unhappiness is far larger than divorce and separation statistics show."

Being further interested I decided to write to judges in divorce courts of the nation, and went from New York to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and I quote only a few of the replies:

From the Circuit Court of the Cook County, Illinois (Chicago), Jude B. Fain Tucker writes:

" . . . there is an obvious advantage in the same church membership. Dissimilarity of interest in any field may prove a hazard in marriage. This is particularly true with religion. . . . I



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believe that family worship—family prayers—help tremendously in strengthening marriage ties. Family worship is easier if both spouses belong to the same church. . . .”

“... Differences in religion undoubtedly will aggravate the ‘in-law’ problem where the parents of one or both spouses are deeply religious . . . The religious training of the children when the spouses are of different churches, is one of the most vexing problems of all.”

Then from the Superior Court of San Francisco, Judge Orla St. Clair writes:

“Where the parents are of different religious faiths, we often find that if the marriage fails the bitterness over the religious problems for the children seems to be all out of proportion . . . if the marriage is a failure, this mixed faith problem is an extremely vexatious one from the point of view of the court trying to decide custody and visitation matters.”

From the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Justice Samuel M. Gold writes:

“... religion does play a part in maintaining a happy marriage and . . . the chances of a marriage being successful are greater when young people marry within their own faith.”

Even the Lord has spoken on this subject. Anciently He asked through one of His prophets:

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3.)

Through Moses, He commanded His ancient people to refrain from marrying unbelievers. Said he:

“Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

For they will turn away thy son from following me, . . . so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, . . .” (Deut. 7:3-4.)

And the Apostle said:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: . . .” (II Cor. 6:14.)

What are we to do then? Shall we bring upon ourselves the unhappiness of a divided household? Shall we profit by the voice of experience and marry within our own faith?

The obvious answer to everyone is, marry within your own faith. If you are a Presbyterian, marry a Presbyterian. If you are a Catholic, marry a Catholic. If you are of the house of Judah, marry within your own faith. If you are a Mormon, marry a Mormon.

But to the Latter-day Saints we have something still further to say. Not only should the Latter-day Saints marry Latter-day Saints, but also Latter-day Saints within a Latter-day Saint temple. Just as God has His mode of baptism, so He has His mode of marriage. Should a Latter-day Saint ever reject God’s mode of baptism? Then why should a latter-day Saint ever reject God’s mode of marriage?

Marriage is intended by the Lord to

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'Choose You This Day Whom Ye Will Serve'

Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

★ One of the ancient prophets had this day in mind—when he said:

"Yea, and there shall be many which shall say: Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die; . . .

"And there shall also be many which shall say: Eat, drink, and be merry; nevertheless, fear God—he will justify in committing a little sin; yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbour; there is no harm in this; and do all these things, for tomorrow we die; and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be saved in the kingdom of God." (2 Nephi 28: 7-8.)

Is this prediction of Nephi coming to pass in our day? Are there those of us who would yield to the enticement and the pressure of acquaintances and associates to "eat, drink and be merry," on certain occasions? Would we, for instance, when in the company of certain others, forsake principles, propriety, and decency in order to conform with and be accepted by the group? So-called social drinking, for example? Would we forsake the high principles of conduct which we as a people espouse and yield to the unapproved practices when

we know that to do so weakens ones character, discredits his family name, and will bring sorrow and unhappiness in place of joy and peace?

"We believe in being honest true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men . . . If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." (Thirteenth Article of Faith.)

This being the case—this being our standard, could it be then that any of us would lie a little, or take advantage of one because of his words perhaps by misquoting or exaggerating what he said? Are there any of us who would figuratively dig a pit for his neighbour, hoping that he will fall into it? Perhaps by taking unfair advantage of him, by shrewd maneuvering, thinking that as long as one gets away with it that he is a trustworthy and honest man.

"Make of yourself an honest man," said Carlyle, "and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world."

Are there any of us who would justify ourselves in any of these things, these wrongdoings? If there is, let us repent as of today. Further on, this



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same great prophet, Nephi, points out that those who feel justified in sinning a little, being enticed by the vain practices of the world, are placing themselves in a position where, he says, "the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them carefully down to hell." (2 Nephi 28:21.) How well put that is, and how true!

The evils and the vanities of the world, and the corruption thereof are thrust close to our lives. Enticings and pressures to depart from the right are found on every hand. Some of these wrongdoings are almost glorified.

Realizing this, we must, as Latter-day Saints, young and old, be firm for that which we know to be right, and in the right be steadfast and immovable. Each of us must set his own course. Each household must determine whether its members will follow the worldly pattern of loose, reckless living, or be obedient to the commandments of the Lord.

When the tribes of ancient Israel inclined their hearts toward the worship of heathen gods, forsaking God-

given principles, you remember that Joshua, their leader, fearing for his people, "... gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God." (Joshua 24:1.) Then it was that he pointed out to them what was happening among them, and admonished them to put away their strange gods and their evil ways, and he called upon them to repent, exhorting them to serve the Lord God of Israel with sincerity. Then in the majesty of his calling as a prophet, he said to them, "choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Ibid., 15.)

Just as Israel in that day had to make that decision, so must that decision be made by us today. I must make that decision. You must make that decision. For example in this day of widespread desecration of the Sabbath, when it is considered merely a part of a weekend, and when it is used by many for amusement and pleasure-hunting, shopping, etc., do I, do you, serve the Lord by being where we ought to be, doing what we ought to do, on His holy day?

Again, when friends or acquaintances urge the use of tobacco or intoxicating liquor, do we yield just to be sociable? If I and my house are determined to serve the Lord in the law of health, there will be no yielding to such pressures.

When marriage is contemplated will the plan be a temporary legal arrangement where eternal association is forfeited, or will it be administered according to the ordinances of God; according to his sweet and wonderful way of making possible a grand family reunion in the resurrection? That is the question we must determine when it comes to that occasion or before it comes to

that, for we must plan ahead of time for that great episode in our lives.

One other matter—the destroying sin of unchastity and moral laxity has been one of the dominant factors in the downfall of many proud people and many great empires. Among the people today, this same destroyer of happiness presents a dismal picture for the safety and peace of this and future generations.

A few years ago the First Presidency issued a warning to the Latter-day Saints and to the world generally against this sin. Among other positive statements they made, they said this: "The doctrine of this Church is that sexual sin, the illicit sexual relationship of men and women stands in its enormity next to murder. The Lord has drawn no essential distinction between fornication, adultery, and harlotry or prostitution. Each has fallen under His solemn and awful condemnation. You youth of Zion," they pleaded, "you cannot associate in illicit sex relationship, which is fornication, and escape the judgments and punishments of the Lord which He has declared against this sin. The day of reckoning will come just as certainly as night follows day."

A similar warning was given to those husbands and wives who break the moral laws. Then, by the right they have

as leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ, spokesman for the Lord Himself, they gave this solemn warning, along with a plea for strict morality: "By virtue of the authority vested in us as the First Presidency of the Church, we warn the people of the degradation, the wickedness, the punishments that attend upon unchastity. We urge you to remember the blessings which flow from the living of a clean life. We call upon you to keep, day in and day out, the way of strict chastity, through which only God's blessings can be achieved and received, and His Spirit abide with you. How glorious it is to him who lives the chaste life. He walks unfearful in the glare of the noonday sun or he is without moral infirmity."

Now, will we listen to those who would minimize the seriousness of this transgression and who would have us believe that the Lord has changed His mind in regard to it? Will we listen to those who say that chastity is outmoded and old-fashioned? Each of us must stand for and encourage such principles as honesty, trustworthiness, virtue. Let us turn a deaf ear to the advocates of wrongdoing, and be prepared with Joshua to say, as he did to his people: "... choose you this day whom ye will serve; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15.)

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last forever, eternally. That takes temple marriage. It brings together two Latter-day Saints of faith and devotion. If they will be united, if they will come and participate in the great saving blessing of a temple marriage, if they then will live the Gospel and keep

sacred their marriage covenant, they need never worry about divorce because of religious or other serious differences in the home, nor need they ever fear that death itself will serve as a divorce court, and break the bonds which were made for time only.

They who are married in the temple of God are married for all eternity, according to God's mode of marriage.



Elder Sterling W. Sill

Read The Standard Works Of The Church

★ The fifth chapter of the book of Moses recounts how God tried to teach the posterity of Adam to live the principles of the Gospel. But Satan came among them saying, "Believe it not," and many believed it not. This same problem has been plaguing the world ever since.

One of our great Articles of Faith says, "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God." But not only is Satan among us saying, "Believe it not," he goes much further and also says, "Don't even read it." And readership surveys show that most people in and out of the Church are following that unfortunate direction. There are very few people who regularly read the Bible with a purpose, and the vast majority read it almost not at all.

It was reported that a Sunday School teacher once asked the members of her class if they knew what was in the Bible and one little girl held up her hand. The teacher said, "All right, Mary Jane, you stand up and tell the class what is in the Bible." And Mary Jane said, "There's a lock of baby's hair in it; some pressed voilets from sister's beau are in it; and some of grandmother's love letters are in it." We ought to remember that there are some things in the Bible that Mary Jane apparently had never heard about.

First, the doctrines of eternal life are in it. The Bible teaches us about God, our Eternal Father, and what our relationship to Him ought to be. Lord Calvin was once asked to name the greatest discovery that had ever been made, and he replied, "The greatest discovery that is ever made is when a man discovers God." Jesus indicated this

same truth when He prayed, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3.)

Think of the advantage that young Timothy had over many of our children. Paul said to Timothy, ". . . from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Then he said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (II Tim. 3:15-16.)

Think of the profit our lives would show if we could absorb the lessons of the great parables, or the philosophy of the Golden Rule, or the spirit of man's individual responsibility to God, or the stimulation contained in the doctrine of eternal progression. Or, suppose that we get God's answers to life's great questions including the one expressed by the rich young ruler when he asked, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18: 18)

There are some important "thou shalt nots," in the Bible. The Lord has said that there are some things that we must not do. Most of the Ten Commandments come in this category. The Bible tells us of forbidden fruit, of forbidden ground, of forbidden desires, and forbidden thoughts. As Cecil B. DeMille has pointed out, "It is not possible for us to break the Ten Commandments, we can only break ourselves against them."

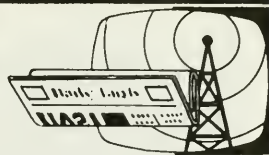
There is a set of what someone has called "promissory notes" in the Bible. Every commandment has a blessing attached for faithful performance. But the Lord has said, "I, the Lord am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

(D&C 82:10.) He said, "I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive not the blessing." (Ibid., 58:32.) That means that all blessings do not apply to us individually. Only those laws apply to us that we actually live; for example, the Lord said through Malachi, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse. . .," then he promised, "and prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.) But that does not apply to us unless we pay our tithing.

Suppose that we tear out of the Bible those portions which do not apply to us personally. That is, if we do not keep the Sabbath day holy, or if we fail to observe the laws of honesty, chastity, temperance, repentance, and baptism; then we had better tear those parts out of the scripture, so we will not deceive ourselves unnecessarily by imagining that they apply to us. It would be interesting for each of us to find out just how big our own particular version of the Bible would be under these circumstances. Someone was once asked whether or not he was a Christian and he said he was in spots. I suppose that it is better to be a Christian in spots than not to be a Christian at all. But we ought to keep in mind that when our Christianity comes in spots, then our blessings will come in spots also.

So far as I know, the most thrilling, exciting idea there is in the world is that if we choose, we may live every single one of these great commandments of God, and thereby we may make ourselves payees on every one of these scriptural promissory notes.

NEWS



CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ A mission-wide priesthood conference was held recently at the Newcastle-under-Lyme Chapel. One hundred and seventy-eight priesthood holders gathered together, and there was a good representation of both youth and adult Aaronic priesthood. The meeting commenced with a stirring message by President McKay, taken from a former priesthood conference. Outstanding choral items were rendered by the Midlands East District male chorus and the Midlands South District. Peter Joyce accompanied at the organ and also presented one of his own organ compositions.

Five meaningful talks were then given by the mission priesthood leaders, Geoffrey Wilkins, Grant Thompson, Robert Wood, Gaylord Young, and Robert Penry. Testimonies were borne by Martin Roberts, a young teacher; Bro. Clee, a new convert, and Bro. Meek, a newly ordained elder. Final talks were by the mission presidency, and emphasis was given to responsibilities as fathers husbands and sons.

★ Built around the theme "Relief Society, a Year-round Programme," the Relief Society presidencies of the five districts in the Mission, met at the Mission Home on March 31st. The sisters received instruction on ways to make better use of the Relief Society Magazine, from Mildred Thompson, on methods for making lessons more effective and from Olive Turvey. Isabel Cannon announced the new literary project for the coming year.

After an informal lunch break, there was a very helpful workshop with a demonstration of paper sculpture and making plastic flowers by Elder Robert Jones. The afternoon was climaxed with a leadership discussion conducted by President Gladys Jones. At the close of the meeting she drew attention to a table which was beautifully decorated with suggestions for visual aids and table decorations keyed to the months of the year.

★ On a rather cold, grey April evening about eighty Saints gathered cheerfully onto an old airfield at Lincoln to watch while President Derek A. Cuthbert, 1st counsellor in the mission presidency, broke the ground for their new chapel. The youngest member present was only 2 weeks old, and the oldest member Sister Cheetham aged 93 years viewed the proceedings from a chair.

Branch President Brian James conducted the meeting, and speakers included: former Branch Pres. Malcolm Coombs, the Building Supervisor, Rex Bollschweiler, and President Cuthbert. The Singing Mothers sang "We ever Pray for Thee", and then the Priesthood Chorus sang "Elders of Israel." Work has now begun on the site and the members are hoping that the building will be completed within seven months.

★ Forty-six Saints from Stourbridge and Kidderminster branches attended the May fireside at the Brotherhood hall and enjoyed the film "Windows of Heaven". While the projector was being set up everyone enjoyed refreshments served by the Relief Society.



Pres. Derek A. Cuthbert breaks ground at Lincoln, watched by a happy group of saints. (Photo courtesy, Lincolnshire Echo)

★ Northampton "Spring Fayre" was held in the Cultural Hall on April 6th, it was well attended and profits of £41 were made in aid of the Dedication Fund. The stalls sold articles made by the Relief Society and the M.I.A.; there was also a children's Lucky Dip and games of skill.

On May 2nd and 3rd the M.I.A. drama group presented a farcical comedy called "Fool's Paradise". The acting, under the expert direction of Mrs. Grace Pratt, was of excellent quality. Doris Hudson and Vie Glynn took the difficult and lengthy main parts, while Derek Roughton, Evelyn Allen, Susan Warr, Michael Feary, Kathryn Moore and Penelope Goddard were the supporting cast. Settings were painted by Lawrence Cummings and Ernest Litchfield was stage manager.

Another entertainment evening was held in the branch on May 24th, this time a musical evening and again it was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. The New Missionaires were featured in the programme which was provided by Cliff Billings and his friends. This group of eight presented a variety of operatic songs and piano and organ recitals, with Barry Beardsmore as compere. Refreshments for the entertainers were provided by the Relief Society and over £30 was raised.

★ The Hereford Branch held a very successful Square Dance which attracted over 60 people to the Co-operative Hall. The caller was Miss Griffiths, and she certainly kept everyone on their toes, a difficult task after a supper of potatoes, sausage and beans.

An unusual activity evening was undertaken by the M.I.A. in May when they accepted "en masse" the Army's invitation to an "At Home" evening at the King George Playing Fields. Among the items was a display by the

trick cyclists of the Royal Artillery Motor Cycle team, the band of the Queen's Dragoon Guards, "Free Fall" parachute display by the 22 Special Air Service Regiment and a thrilling and lifelike attack using all the modern army equipment by the locally based battalion against an imaginary insurgent group. Needless to say the M.I.A. found it a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining.

★ It was a very busy day for all the sports enthusiasts of the Midlands West District when track and field events were held at the Christopher Whitehead School Playing Fields early in May. 170 entries were received for the 40 events scheduled and the J.F. Passey Challenge Trophy, awarded to the most successful branch, was won for the third consecutive year by Worcester.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Gorleston Branch took a step back into the past when they held an Olde Tyme Night on April 23rd. Tables were attractively set with check cloths and candles in bottles, and the audience were seated at these while they watched a cabaret of local talent and joined in a sing song. Admission was free, but food was on sale at moderate prices, and there was a good selective menu. Several Lowestoft members also joined in the fun.

Petticoat Lane moved to Yarmouth Market on May 17th, when all the local churches and charities were invited to participate in a Giant Jumble sale. The Gorleston Branch had two stalls and made approx £40 for the building fund.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ Can you imagine using the M.I.A. classes to enhance a Primary Activity? Portsmouth Branch Primary Association did! They planned a 3 mile ramble and

invited the Beehives, Vanguards and MIA Maids, who ably supported them and had great fun practising tracking. This activity was under the direction of Betty Herridge, YWMIA President, Eileen Gulvin and Maureen Silver.

After the ramble all the group met at the home of Primary President Doris J. Taylor, who provided tea for all. Then all those present, including the priesthood advisor, joined in a Primary meeting.

★ In commemorating the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the Crawley District put on a varied and energetic programme during the weekend of 10th/12th May.

It began with a wonderful Father and Sons' Banquet prepared by the Relief Society to honour the Aaronic Priesthood. Sixty-five fathers and sons attended and enjoyed the meal of soup, chicken and roast potatoes, salad, jelly, trifle and cheese and biscuits. District President James Hart, spoke of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood and the need for leadership with the young men.

The following day a pioneering expedition in Ashdown Forest was organised and over thirty brethren participated. The exercise was to locate nine check points with the aid of a simple map and one compass bearing; it lasted five hours.

The boys voted the Expedition a success, in spite of sliding down steep banks and fording forest streams, or because of it! Many deer were observed in the forest glades, and the boys were reluctant to leave the forest, and are pressing for yet another expedition soon.

After returning to Crawley for a wash and clean up, a social and dance was

soon in full swing, invitations having been already issued to the Y.W.M.I.A. On the Sunday, Commemoration programmes were held in all branch priesthood meetings.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ There were six stalls, confectionery, cushions, white elephant, jumble, hand-work and novelties at Southport's Bazaar on April 6th. All were very attractively arranged. Refreshments were served at small tables in the lounge by Audrey Abbott, Linda Taylor and Sue Watson.

A profit of £20 was made for the Relief Society funds, and £5 was also given to the branch budget.

★ It was "All hands on deck," for the Liverpool District Gold and Green Ball which was held on board the Royal Iris motor vessel on April 19th. As the vessel cruised slowly down the river, the decks were thronged with gay groups, admiring the stars, and the unusual view of the Irish Sea by night, as well as dancing to the resident band. A modern beat was provided by the "Collective Items" a group of Church members from the Wirral Branch. Everyone agreed that this was one of the most spectacular balls they had attended, and they are now wondering if they could have the next one on a Boeing!

★ The Police attended in force at the Open Day of the Liverpool Chapel on May 10th, but their visit was a friendly one, the Liverpool and Bootle City Police played the Mormon Yankees, an all missionary team, at Basketball. After a most exciting game the police team-worked proved superior and they were declared the winners. Many people stayed after the match and viewed the auxiliary displays, and saw the film "Man's Search for Happiness", and also



Prospective buyers, admire the display at the cushion stall at Southport Bazaar.

a play performed by members of the Liverpool Branch, "Trial of the Stick of Joseph".

★ On May 11th a Bring and Buy sale was held at the home of Sister Ramsbottom in Carlisle, by the teachers of the Junior Sunday School. £4 was raised and added to the "Carpet Fund", the aim is to provide a carpet for one of the small rooms at the branch. After the sale the rest of the evening was spent in social activities.

★ Warrington Branch presented a comedy by Wilfred Massey, entitled "Happy Days" at the Liverpool Chapel on May 11th. It proved to be a very enjoyable evening for the cast and a very appreciative audience..

★ There are two keen photographers in the Southport branch, Sister Irene Hirst and her husband, and they both

entered the Southport Photographic Society's Annual exhibition. Mr. Hirst, who is a professional photographer, won the Premier Award for the 15th time, but he was more thrilled with his wife's award, a certificate in the Beginners Section, since she only took up the hobby a few months ago. Her picture of the Lodge in Hesketh Park, is her first exhibition entry.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Members of the Leicester Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood and their wives enjoyed a social evening at Nottingham Chapel on April 25th. Owen Johnson welcomed everyone and then Tom Hezseline took over as compere.

Entertainments were many and varied and included a puzzle game, a piano and violin duet by Briony Green and Roger Beardsmore, a magician act from Patrick Edwards assisted by Jim Martin and



On board the Royal Iris for Liverpool District's Gold and Green Ball.



Sister Irene Hirst and her husband stand by her entry in the beginners section at Southport Photographic Society's annual exhibition.

plenty of jokes from the Hezseline family. President James Rankin, 2nd counsellor in the stake presidency, was the speaker.

★ Another Can Night social at the Walsall branch on April 26th, raised £8 . 7 . 6d. for their building fund. As part of the entertainment games were organised by President Kenneth Degville, and the singing was led by John Mills.

★ Nottingham Ward Relief Society and their husbands attended a special social on April 22nd where they saw a cine film of a trip to Salt Lake by Selina Adams and Rhoda Tinson made last year. A wonderful array of refreshments was prepared and served by Joan Need-

ham and Wendy Osborne.

On May 4th, the M.I.A. held a Square Dance and Tramp Supper in the Cultural hall. There was a good attendance of "Tramps" who all enjoyed the dancing which was led by Jim Lees, the well known square dance caller. A fine supper of sausage, mash and peas was prepared and served by Helen Bourne and Rick Burton.

★ A new branch has been organised at Wednesfield, with Alfred Slater as president. It is dependent on the Woodsetten Ward, and meetings are held at Lichfield Road School, Wednesfield.

★ The Stake Relief Society held their first Musical Festival on May 4th at the Leicester Chapel. Stake Chorister Edith

Brown, and Organist Grace Dimmock were in charge of the programme. The set piece was "Peace I leave with you", and then each chorus sang a number of their own choice. Loughborough, conducted by Margaret Bowcutt, and Woodsetton, conducted by Irene Preece, gained joint 1st place. Birmingham was placed 3rd.

There was also a section for Choral Verse Speaking which was won by Eastwood, who were conducted by Mable Hill, then there was a tie for 2nd place by Mansfield and Loughborough. The adjudicators were Elder Dorius, Jean Taverner of Leicester and Betty Peedle.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On May 18th, Billingham Ward held a Jumble Sale with a difference. It was held on a stall in the open-air market at nearby North Ormesby. The event was advertised in the local paper, and crowds of people awaited the arrival of the stallholders. After a very short time nearly all the jumble was sold, and the Saints were well pleased with their new venture.

★ On Easter Monday a group of the Hartlepool Saints invaded the town of Seaburn. The younger ones travelled in the back of a building truck owned by Gordon Laurie, they were well packed in and received many a friendly wave on the way. Others arrived by van, car and train to play games and have fun on the beach. The day was rounded off by the M.I.A. members babysitting for the parents of the Ward, who enjoyed an evening at the cinema watching "How the West Was Won".

★ The priesthood of the Middlesbrough Ward decided it was high time they raised some money towards the Ward Budget, so under the direction of Elder Albert Spashett, they organised a Hill Billy Social on May 4th. Entertainment was provided by the missionary elders, in the form of a duet and comedy act, Bother Spashett and David Johns who sang, and a miming act by the Explorer class of M.I.A. There was also dancing, games with prizes, and community singing.



Hartlepool Ward Primary children getting ready for the May Family Hour Programme.

The brethren found that they could not do without assistance from the sisters entirely, and the Relief Society cooked and served the food and provided hot sausage rolls and drinks just before everyone left for home.

The Ward Relief Society did not hold its Birthday celebrations until April 30th, but every sister and her husband were invited. They enjoyed an excellent meal of chicken, roast potatoes, sweet corn, vegetables, American hot cakes, trifle, jelly and a special birthday cake made by Macel Horton.

Stake Relief Society President Afton Hardy and her husband were amongst the guests, and after the meal entertainment was provided by Ann Cupryna, Susan Carvell, Brother and Sister Henwood and Macel Horton.

On May 11th Jean Griffiths opened the Ward Bazaar, items for sale included dresses, blouses, children's clothes, pin cushions, toys and home-made cakes. A total of £30 was raised towards the Ward Budget.

★ Middlesbrough Ward Relief Society received a pleasant and welcome surprise in May, when recently arrived missionaries George and Macel Horton presented them with an electric sewing machine. Sister Horton explained that when they left their home in Beaver City, Utah their friends in the Beaver Second Ward collected a sum of money to help them on their mission. After checking their finances however, they decided that they already had enough money, and that they would use the gift to help the Middlesbrough Ward. The machine has already been used to make articles for the Spring Bazaar, and will be used a great deal more in the future.

★ Wards and branches of the Sunderland Stake staged their roadshows on 27th April. About 350 people attended

and 10 M.I.A.'s took part. This year's theme was "Once in a Lifetime", and the interpretations were varied and amusing.

Newcastle was rated first for their hilarious presentation of a wedding day scene. South Shields were second using the pioneers and the occasion when Brigham Young said "This is the Place". Redcar's "Rag and Bone" story, which told of an old couple who had a very valuable vase given to them as junk, gained them third place. Although Hartlepool did not gain a place they did receive a very favourable write-up about their entry in their local paper. Newcastle provided musical numbers at various points during the evening, and the stake supplied refreshments.

★ When fifty Saints from Newburn and Newcastle visited Matfen in Northumberland, it was soccer, both English and American style that dominated the village green. Much of the success of the games was due to the local youngsters who constantly retrieved the ball from a nearby stream. The weather was bright and sunny and those who explored the countryside found it delightful.

Norman Prendergast has had a busy time lately, he organised a priesthood sports evening and also played a major part in the priesthood project on the Chapel grounds. When he returned from York on May 4th after captaining the Stake soccer eleven to a 4-1 victory over the British South Mission team, he was just in time to join a party of twenty Newcastle Saints as they dined at the Golden Palace restaurant to celebrate their success at the stake roadshow.

On May 10th the Newcastle M.I.A. held a Cultural Arts and Drama Presentation, everyone attending was surprised and delighted at the talent on show. The art was of a very good standard, and though the Selkirk girls did excep-

tionally well, all the entrants deserve commendation. The audience of forty then enjoyed some light hearted drama which had as a finale a repeat performance of the winning roadshow.

James Selkirk accepted an invitation to demonstrate First Aid to the Relief Society. Following his display, the sisters practiced on each other, let's hope that they don't get tangled up as much if the real thing happens!

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The Cornwall District Primary children presented a very interesting and entertaining version of "Mary Poppins" at Falmouth on March 30th. The children gave a marvellous show and the appreciation and praise of the audience showed them that their efforts had been

worth while. The programme was produced by District Primary President P. Seddon.

When St. Austell held a branch dinner at the Operatic Rooms, St. Austell, all the cooking and serving was done by the branch priesthood. The three course meal was enjoyed by all the thirty members present.

Another very enjoyable District event was held on May 3rd, when a Table Tennis Tournament took place at St. Austell. Winners were Sister Field and Brother W. Garland of Newquay Branch. Following the tournament a bean and bread supper was served by the M.I.A. who organised the evening under the direction of Sister C. Pearce, the District M.I.A. president and her counselors.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Brian Haydon Sivers of Wembley Branch, left for South Ogden, America on June 21st to marry June Draper, sister of Elder Glen Draper who baptised him in July 1965. They met while Brian was on a visit to Canada and America, and after his return to England they kept up a correspondence, later June visited England and they announced their engagement before she returned home. They will be married in the Salt Lake Temple.

MARRIAGES

★ Brother L. Boydell and his bride Joan Ball after their wedding at the Whitefield Chapel earlier this year. Both are members of the Bolton Branch and also serve as 2nd Assistant and Secretary, respectively, on the Preston District Sunday School superintendency.



L. Boydell and Joan Ball



The David W. Deacon children sing during family home evening, children are Carole, 11, Marian, 6, Melanie, 8, David and Ruth three year old twins.

Young Bishop Cites Good From Family Home Evenings

By David W. Deacon

★ I am a ward bishop. . . My wife sustains me . . . Children? five! (so far) Occupation? Policeman (working shifts, holidays etc.) . . . Problems? Plenty! Outlook? Life is marvelous . . . Why? because my problems become opportunities through the revealed word of the Lord.

Let us consider just one of the

problems that face my wife and I and other parents throughout the world. How are we to safeguard our children against the evil influences in a world turning away from the teachings of Christ, a world of rapidly growing vice and corruption?

As parents we are conscious of our responsibility regarding the welfare of

our children but as we see the great variety of talent, problems, outlook and influences peculiar to each member of the family, then our responsibility becomes somewhat frightening.

It is when we feel inadequate that we need to turn to the Lord for guidance, and to assist in family life He has instituted the Family Home Evening Programme.

Not only does this programme bring to parents a greater understanding of the Gospel but it also shows how to use the tremendous untapped resources at their command.

The manual issued by the Church gives a course of lessons and assignments which has far reaching effects and there is not a family on the face of the earth which would not benefit from using the home evening programme.

The government of our country would like to see "Family Councils" set up in an effort to curb juvenile delinquency but feel it would be impracticable.

Those of us following the Church home evening programme will already have family council meetings as outlined in the manual. In such a council meeting the family unite to mutually assist one another in whatever problems or projects are at hand (e.g. difficulties with playmates; studying for exams; organising the home; employment of school leavers; use of talents; planning holidays or other ventures; differences between family members etc.) Special refreshments should be served at the conclusion of the programme. This is important, especially to the very young, and favourites among our children are potatoes baked in their jackets with the inside mashed with lots of butter, or a blob of ice cream in a tumbler of lemonade served with gaily coloured straws.

Because I am a shift worker we need to adjust the time of the programme week by week and evidence of the love the children have for the programme is shown when they ask, with sparkling eyes and great enthusiasm, "When is family home evening this week?"

They are keen to carry out the assignments too, and there are novel ways given in the manual by which they check their progress. For about two weeks after a recent lesson our children (under considerable strain) did not quarrel or bicker about anything in case the "Flame" of an imitation candle was extinguished. This would represent the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from the home for as long as contention existed.

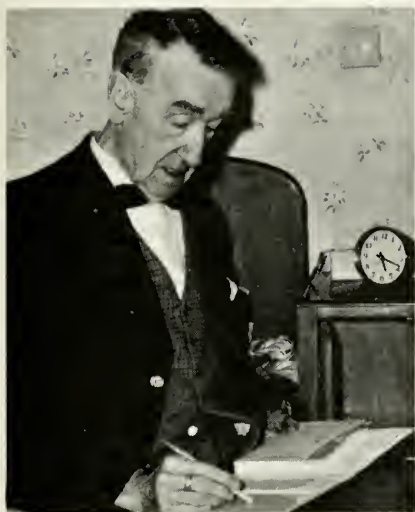
Where better for us to teach the application of the Gospel than in the home? What better assistance can we have than material inspired by the father of our heavenly home?

As we look into the faces of those we love we may wonder what life has in store for them. We cannot answer that question, but we can equip them to measure up to whatever lies ahead.

If you do not hold a family home evening then get going without delay. See your Bishop or Branch President and he will provide you with a manual and any other assistance you may need to get started.

Think of the joy we shall have if our children stand spiritually unscathed at the end of their mortal lives and one of the reasons they give for being that way is because they "Came from Goodly Parents."

(Brother Deacon wrote this at the request of The Millennial Star after it learned of the success and happiness developing in the Deacon home as a result of following the suggested Church programme.)



Theodore H. Fulton

Finding The Truth

★ Theodore H. Fulton was born on 12th February 1884, in Belfast. His father was a lithographer.

One Saturday night in 1912, he went to visit a friend and found him with two Mormons—Pres. Cornaby of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Elder Albert Monney. He disliked Mormons, and was sure there would be some heated words, but only items in general were spoken of, and nothing was said of their doctrine. Before they left, Pres. Cornaby asked him if he would attend the evening service of the annual conference, and he promised he would.

There he heard one of the “Twelve” speak on faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands. At that time, he was the secretary and a Deacon of the Baptist Church. He thought he knew all on such subjects, but because of that sincere, simple talk by such an advanced man, Theodore Fulton was baptised and confirmed a member of

the Church, six weeks later.

Later in the year 1912, he married, but his wife was a non-active member of the Church.

When the war came, the Mission was closed, and the loyal brethren looked after the work. He was appointed branch president, and was the first local elder to hold a street meeting opposite the Belfast City Hall.

In 1921, he was invited to go to Salt Lake City, but he remained there only eight months, as work and wages were hard to find, and he had a family in Ireland to support. All his children were baptised very young.

He moved east from Salt Lake City, and his job was a receiving clerk for the National Biscuit Company, in Newark, New Jersey, where he worked for the same company, as an assistant shipper. He remained there five years, and was put in full charge of an agency in Orange, New Jersey. After four years

he was moved to Jersey City, and after seven years he was moved again to Broomfield, New Jersey—but this was night work, so he resigned. Instead of going straight back to Ireland, he rested in Philadelphia with some friends, first

In Ireland, he got a job in Londonderry—one hundred miles from a branch of the Church, as at that time there were only two branches in all of Ireland, one in Belfast, and one in Dublin.

Here he took up Lawn Bowling, joined the club and wrote some Bowling Chat-ter. Through these articles, he brought forty members to the club. He also wrote a weekly article on current

affairs, and he had nineteen short stories published in different newspapers.

Then he went to Ballymena, working for the same company, but he stayed there only a few years. He began to get very tired, and had to spend four months in the hospital. He came out, but has to use a cane.

He has now lived for five years in the large house in the grounds of Lady Dixon's lovely Park—with its one hundred and fifty acres of woodland and rosewalks. He is eighty four, and has now belonged to the Church for fifty four years, making him one of the eldest living members in Ireland.



John Moore of Omagh, Ireland and his violin.

Converted Through Early Church Pamphlet

★ Brother John Moore was born the 18th of March 1885, the oldest of eight children in the family. He grew up in a rural area, working on farms never having travelled 50 miles from the place where he was born. In the year 1908 he was working for a lady on a farm and considered himself to be one of those "saved" people. The lady for whom he was working was also "saved".

As he came in for lunch one day the lady told him that two Mormons had been there and he asked if they had left any messages, and she said that they offered some tracts but she wouldn't accept them. She said that they were only looking for girls. He told her that if they ever came back to get some tracts or some books and he would pay her for them. His wage at this time was only one shilling a day.

About two weeks later, as he was leaving after his lunch, the two missionaries came again but he did not dare to stay and converse with them, he just said "how do you do" as he went out of the house. When he came back in the evening he asked again if they had left some tracts and sure enough they had left one entitled "Rays of Living Light" by Charles W. Penrose. He began to read the tract and by the time he had read one paragraph he said to the lady, this is the truth and then she scolded him and reminded him that he was "saved".

He finished the pamphlet and then looked to find the address from where it came. The only address he could find on it was Liverpool, and so he wrote to Liverpool to ask if there were more tracts or books available. As the tracts and books came he read them and was converted to the truth, but missionaries never called again and he had no idea that there were missionaries stationed in Belfast. Almost two years passed away and then some missionaries did call by and he applied and was baptised on the ninth of December 1910.

He had a good ear for music and he played the violin for many of the dances that were held in that area. He continued to work on the farm as a laborer and on May 23rd 1923 he married Mary Arnold and they moved into a small house at the foot of the hill. The following year 1924 his wife joined the Church and missionaries were now calling every 3 to 6 months coming from Belfast to visit them. They had one son and he and his wife are now living with him in this beautiful little white house in a lovely green valley.

Brother and Sister Moore both get around very well and enjoy life. He still plays the fiddle and his friends who come, play the bagpipes and the fiddle with him and they enjoy an evening of music together.

If Only

By Mrs. Pat Pritchard, Bangor, Caerns

Another Prize Winning Short Story

★ "They're at it again," said Nora to herself, Its' amazing any time of day or night they'll manage to have a quarrel somehow, thinking how even with the T.V. on she could still hear the angry voices.

Nora knew that if only she could get her neighbour Maria next door interested in learning about the restored Gospel that it wouldn't be long before she would have more happiness in her home, but now? Every way she'd tried before had failed, "Maybe I don't trust enough in my Heavenly Father," she thought, and then another thought struck her. Supposing she was told that unless she herself could be the means of converting Maria and her family there would be no salvation for her. Oh! how awful and lost I'd feel then, and she knew in that minute that she was more concerned about her own loss and not being able to live with her Heavenly Father again one day, than she was about Maria's. Then she realized for the first time that she just had not been thinking enough about what Maria and her family could gain, but had been thinking more along the lines how nice it would be to be able to

say that she had been the means of converting them.

"I must learn to have more love, true love for others as Jesus had, then I will want what's best for them, and not just praise for myself." That night she knelt in prayer, and just knew that she would get help both for herself and the family next door. She thanked her Father in Heaven for letting her see that she had to set herself to rights first, before she could even start on Maria and her family and realized that her first step was prayer and fasting.

The next morning as Nora was putting out the milk bottles, Maria appeared at her door, looking rather wan and dejected looking. "How can you look so happy in the morning," said Maria to Nora, I'm simply all in after that quarrel again last night, I suppose you heard us?" she continued.

"Well I did," said Nora, "But to answer the first part of your question let me say I feel happy in the morning, particularly after we've had family prayers."

"But we say our prayers too, but it doesn't seem to help us, I pray a lot for our home life to be happier," said Maria.

"Do you as a family all kneel together to pray," asked Nora. "No we each say our own prayers," explained Maria, then went on to say, "They'd think I'd gone potty if I asked them to kneel in prayer in the morning, when they're all so busy going to school and work and what Stephen would think I don't know."

"Why don't you ask Stephen as head of the home to suggest family prayers, maybe to-night when you're all together at dinner," suggested Nora.

"Well things have got so bad I'm willing to try anything, 'cause if we continue the way we are, I can see us splitting up."

Throughout the rest of that day Maria kept wondering to herself how she could approach her husband about family prayers, then she thought what will we say in the prayers. "I'd better go and ask Nora" she decided.

Nora then had the wonderful opportunity to explain the steps of prayer to Maria, and how one could pray from one's heart. Silently Nora offered up thanks to Heavenly Father 'cause she never expected such quick results, then she suggested to Maria that they both kneel in prayer to ask God to prepare Stephen so that he would be agreeable to the idea of family prayers.

Stephen felt really warm inside when Maria asked him quite humbly (no shouting no demanding) would he as 'head of the home' tell the family that from now on they would have family prayers, and she explained to him what Nora had told her. Maria expected some sarcastic remark, but none was forthcoming, instead Stephen put his arms around her and said, "Thank you darling for calling me the head of the home, I probably have not been acting that way lately." Both Maria and Stephen knew they had learned something that night, and they knew that neither of them wanted their family to be split up.

Well, after dinner Stephen called the family together, six children, four boys, and two girls, and told them about family prayers, anyway after a few giggles and objections, it was decided they'd get up a little earlier in the morning to join in prayer together before setting out for the day. Stephen then told them seeing as they were all together they could have a family prayer right now. Stephen started the prayer and felt really tongue-tied and didn't know what to say, but when he realized that for the first time that his wife and children and himself were so silent together instead of the usual bickering and quarelling, well the words just came in heartfelt thanks to their Father in Heaven for being together as a family, and he humbly asked that they may all love one another, and in each of their eyes could be seen a new light, a light that meant from now on they would try harder with one another.

The next day it was a new Maria who set off to do her shopping, she met Nora in town, told her all that had happened, and explained to her that she knew that from now on that life was going to be better for her and the family. Then Nora explained to her about the missionaries, and suggested they call to see her. The tears came to Nora's eyes when Maria said. "If my family can become like yours through learning more about the Mormon Church, then please ask your missionaries to call, I only wish I had listened to you before now, thank you Nora."

Nora just knew how wonderful it was going to be to have a Latter-day-Saint family living next door to her, because she really knew now that they would accept the Gospel, and she also felt glad and happy for Maria and her family when she thought about the further joys that were about to come into their lives, and the joy that had come into her own through helping them.

Short Story, Poetry Contest Drawing To A Close

★ The Millennial Star Board will sponsor both a short story contest and a poetry contest. The short story may be based on a true event. Deadline for entries has been set for August 30, 1968.

Rules pertaining to the short story contest are printed herewith. Rules for the poetry contest follow.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all members of the Church in Great Britain.
2. Only one story may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The story must not exceed 3,000 words in length and preferably typewritten. A duplicate copy of the story should be retained by the contestant to insure against loss.
4. The contestant's name is not to appear anywhere on the manuscript, but a cover sheet on which is written the contestant's name and address is to be enclosed with the story.
5. A signed statement is to accompany the story submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the story submitted (state the title) is the contestant's original work.
 - c. That it has never been published, that it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication, and that it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest is decided.
6. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the story.
7. The judges shall consist of the Managing Editor of the Millennial Star and two members of the board of Directors of the Deseret Enterprises.

In evaluating the stories, consideration will be given to the following points:

 - a. Characters and their presentation.
 - b. Plot development.
 - c. Message of the story and compliance with LDS standards.
 - d. Writing style.
8. Entries must be postmarked not later than August 30, 1968.
9. All entries are to be addressed to Millennial Star Short Story Contest, Deseret Enterprises, 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England.
10. Certificates will be presented to all who submit stories. Special certificates of merit will be given to first, second and third place winners.

The Millennial Star reserves the right to publish from time to time any of the other stories entered in the contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star and none will be returned.

Poetry Contest

Rules

★ The Millennial Star Poetry Contest closes August 15, 1968. Prizes will be awarded and winning poems will be published in the Millennial Star.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one poem may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The poem must not exceed fifty lines and should be typewritten, if possible. Where this cannot be done, it should be legibly written. Only one side of the paper is to be used. (A duplicate copy of the poem should be retained by contestants to ensure against loss.)
4. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the poem.
5. A signed statement is to accompany the poem submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the poem (state title) is the contestant's original work.
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Another view of the Southport bazaar.

Additional News



A few of the more than 80 people from the Irish Mission who enjoyed the recent hike to "Cave Hill". They assembled at the Cave Hill Chapel early to spend the day hiking, playing and picnicking.



Bristol District Relief Society sisters cutting the cake at the auxiliary's annual celebration.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Seventy sisters and brethren of the Bristol District, celebrated the 126th anniversary of the Relief Society at Downend Chapel.

During the evening the winning story of the Southwest British Mission Relief Society Short Story contest was beautifully read by Sister Vera Ireland, mission Relief Society president. The story, "The Special Day" was written by Sister Iris Stanbury of Bristol Third Branch.

Guests from Somerset District provided entertaining games and Sister Olive Baker from Bath Branch told some of her experiences as a Relief Society sister.

The delicious birthday cake was made by Sister Mary Collins mission Relief Society counsellor and iced by a friend of Sister Margaret Foy, Relief Society president of Downend Branch.

BIRTHS

★ April 13th—To Bro. and Sister John Griffin of Lincoln Branch, Central British Mission, a son.

★ May 6th—To Barton and Joyce (nee Bramley, formerly Middlesbrough Ward) Johnson, of Provo, Utah, U.S.A. a daughter, Sheila Tamar.

★ May 12th—To Pierre and Noreen Croguennec of Walsall Branch Leicester Stake, a daughter, Nicole.

★ May 10th—To Stewart and Ruth Irvine of Carlisle Branch, North British Mission, a son, Howard Stewart.

Former Luton Youth Wins Honours In Australia

★ The 1967 Byrnes Medal (top junior pass in the State of Queensland, Australia) and the E. M. Memorial Bursary (highest aggregate in seven subjects) have been won by Mark Alexander Clark, 16, of Beech Hill, Brisbane.

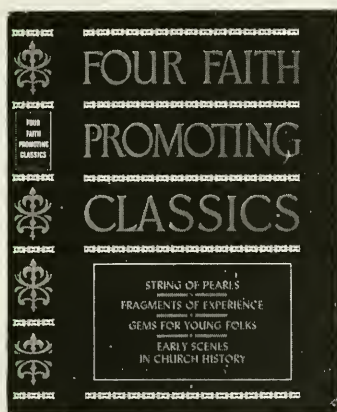
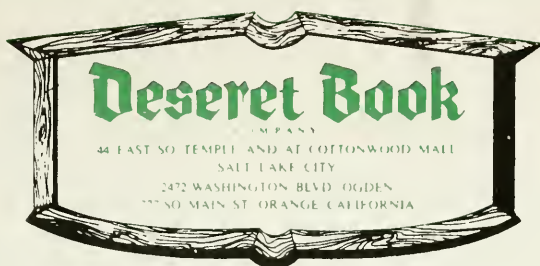
A former pupil of Maidenhall Junior School, Luton, England, Mark obtained A's in English, German, history, geography, mathematics (two) and science (two). Pat, his sister, now studying at Queensland University, also gained eight A's in her junior exams.

Mark plans to study at Inala State High School near Brisbane for two years prior to studying agricultural science at university.

His father, Thomas Clark, presided over the Luton Branch prior to the family moving to Australia in 1961.

The family moved to Australia for the climate and Mark's health. It is reported Mark is now over 6 ft. tall and minus health ailments.

His younger sister is Claire Louise.



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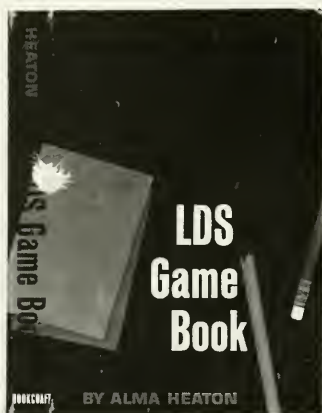
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London Stake Aaronic Priesthood Learn Early History Of Church at Benbow Farm

by
Roger Stringer

★ "Oh how lovely was the morning", Sunday morning, May 19th at Benbows farm Herfordshire, for 70 Aaronic Priesthood and leaders of the London Stake. They gathered together at the side of the pond in which Wilford Woodruff baptized 600 people when he first came to England as a missionary more than 130 years ago.

The priesthood testimony on the still countryside under a warm sun was most inspirational. This was the highlight of a weekend camp commemorating the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

The programme for the 3-days covered all aspects of social and spiritual living. The inclement weather didn't dampen the spirits of those present. Throughout the whole time a spirit of brotherhood prevailed that could only be brought about by having the spirit of the Lord present.

All too soon the weekend came to a close on Sunday with a special Sacrament Meeting in the Luton Ward Chapel under the direction of the stake presidency, Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., Pres. Donald W. Hemingway and Pres. Thomas Hill. Credit must also go to former Pres. Dougald C. McKeown, recently released as second counselor in the stake presidency, for laying the groundwork for such a fine outing. He is the new president of the London Temple.

The big job of feeding the 80 hungry sportsmen was handled by Joseph Watson assisted by James P. Martin, and volunteers.

George V. Mosdell and John A. Trevor of the high council Aaronic Priesthood Committee, were in charge of various aspects of the camp.

Benbow's Farm lies between Worces-

ter and Ledbury by an indirect route—difficult to find.

John Benbow was a wealthy farmer, and one of a group of 600 people who had left the Methodist Church and formed a local congregation known as the United Brethren.

In January 1840, John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff arrived in Liverpool to spread the Gospel in England. Through divine inspiration, Wilford Woodruff was led to the Benbow Farm. In his first 35 days after his arrival in Herfordshire Wilford Woodruff baptized 45 people, preachers, and 165 members of the United Brethren.

This led to the baptism of over 1,800 persons during 8 months. This included all 600 United Brethren except for one person. Also it included 200 preachers of various denominations.

On the 6th of April, 1840, Brigham Young arrived in England. Later on he arranged for the printing of the Book of Mormon through finances provided by John Benbow in 1840, when 5,000 copies were published.

This shows the important part Benbow's Farm played in the early day Church. Even though the Gospel had been brought to England three years earlier, this event opened the doorway for the conversion of thousands of souls. A short time after this Brigham Young organized the immigration fund programme, and many of the members of the Church who lived here in England, Scotland, or Wales immigrated to the states where they could help to build up the Church there. It is interesting to note that between 50% and 70% of the early day leaders of the Church were descendants of these people who had immigrated to the states.

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Editorial

★ There is in the state of Utah, in the United States, a contest to bring "liquor-by-the-drink" into reality. The Church has, of course, taken a definite stand against such proposed legislation and encourages all residents of the Beehive State not to sign the proposed petition.

With hundreds of members of the Church from Utah serving in one capacity or another in Great Britain, The Millennial Star feels it has an obligation to encourage these Utah citizens within the circulation area of The Star, to voice their opposition to such proposed legislation.

It is suggested Utahns write their families, relatives and friends encouraging them NOT to sign the petition.

Those responsible for the proposed petition say it is a "control" measure but in fact is not a "control" measure. We quote from the Deseret News Editorial, May 10, 1968, "It is a proposal to legalize sale of liquor by the drink."

We also quote from the Church News of June 8, 1968:

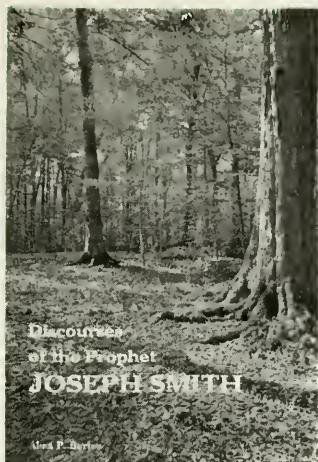
"While increased sale of liquor and license fees would doubtless generate substantial funds, there is no guarantee whatsoever of effective law enforcement. History has a way of repeating itself. The Liquor Control Commission under the present law in its early years was provided with ample funds to maintain an effective enforcement agency. That agency was eliminated through action of the Commission itself taken January 6, 1949 'in harmony with the state policy of our governor . . .' It was not lack of sufficient funds, as evidenced by the fact that cities, incorporated towns, and counties in the state were given \$1,000,000 annually from the liquor control fund for local enforcement. The 1967 Legislature continued the \$1,000,000 but without the requirement that it be used for liquor law enforcement.

"Thus . . . an enforcement agency as effective as might be expected under the present proposal, was methodically removed. We ask, 'Is it necessary to multiply liquor outlets throughout the state in order to have enforcement?'"

Those responsible for the proposed measure also claim such a device is needed to bring in additional tourists to the state. If this action is necessary it is best Utah do without such tourist trade. Surely the state, with its wide scenic and beauty attractions, can generate interest and promote tourist traffic without the use or pretext of liquor.

It is up to every right thinking citizen of Utah to voice his opinion against such a proposal by first not affixing his signature and secondly by encouraging others not to sign.

Faithful members of the Church are admonished to follow the counsel of the Church authorities and to support them in voicing opposition against the proposal.



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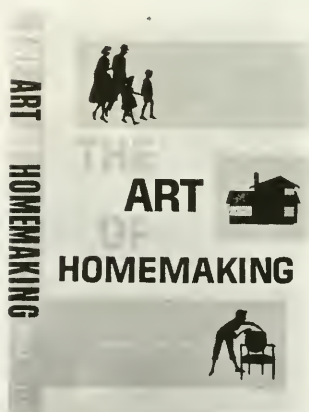
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An Evangelist is a Patriarch, even the oldest man of the blood of Joseph or of the seed of Abraham. Wherever the Church of Christ is established in the earth, there should be a Patriarch for the benefit of the posterity of the Saints, as it was with Jacob in giving his patriarchal blessing unto his sons, etc.

—Joseph Smith



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Introducing The British Mission

By Norinne Callister

★ The British Mission is a cradle of modern Israel. It is almost as if the Lord has held Britain in His hands. In an otherwise darkened world, He prepared its people to receive the Gospel; and when liberty and industry and religious reformation had been established here, He whispered to His prophet: "Let my servant Heber go to England and proclaim my Gospel and open the door of salvation to that nation."

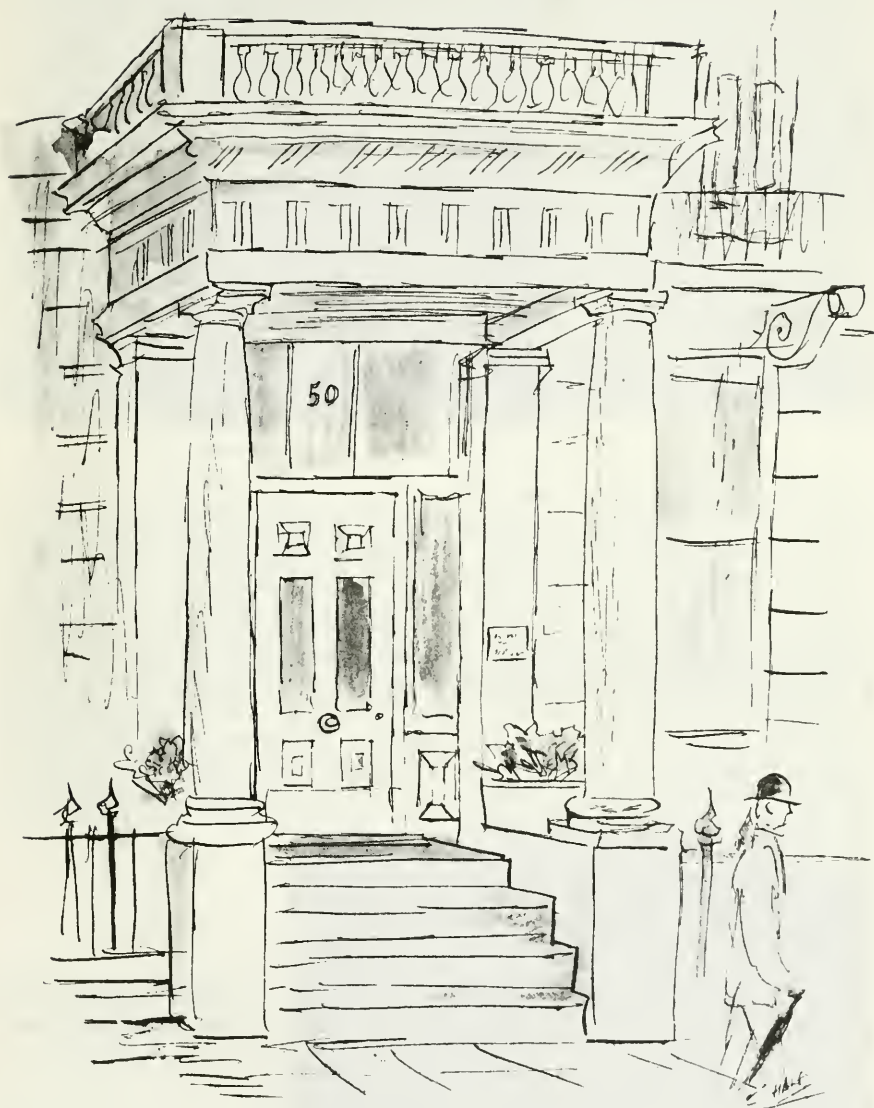
The man the Lord had called was Heber C. Kimball; an apostle. Penniless, he came with Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding and three other missionaries to England. When they arrived, they met in councils of prayer, pleading with the Lord to bless their labours—they received inspiration to continue to Preston, Lancashire. It was July 22, 1837 when they went. As their coach entered the town where they would first declare the Gospel to this land, they saw an election banner in the street and joyfully accepted it as an omen. It said: "Truth Will Prevail." "Amen," they cried, "Truth will prevail!"

Elder Fielding's brother was a minister in Preston. Through the mail he had heard of the Restoration and with his congregation had been praying for the messengers who would come and teach them on Sunday, the next day. So, in Vauxhall Chapel at 3 p.m., Elder Kimball rose before an unusually large gathering and declared "that an angel had visited the earth and committed the everlasting Gospel to man." "Glory to God!" his hearers exclaimed.

The elders kept preaching, that evening and the next Wednesday, until the Reverend Fielding realized that the believers would soon leave his congregation. But the Restoration had already been declared and the first baptisms set for the following Sunday. It was agreed that Elder Kimball should baptize in the River Ribble not far from Preston.

The night before the baptism Elder Isaac Russell, who had accompanied them, came running to the third-story room of Elder Kimball and Elder Hyde, crying for their prayers on his behalf, for he was so tormented by evil spirits that he "could not live" unless relieved. The brethren laid hands on Elder Russell's head and rebuked the devil. While Elder Kimball spoke he was struck senseless to the floor by an unseen power. He was in great agony when he recovered, but managed to pray; and as he did a vision opened to them all, and they beheld legions of evil spirits attacking them desperately.

Despite the horror of the experience and his weakness from it, Elder Kimball baptised nine individuals the following morning before over 7,000 people who had gathered on the banks to watch. In later years he asked Joseph Smith if they had lived wrongly to have warranted the demonic attack. "No," the Prophet replied, "when I heard of it, it gave me great joy, for then I knew that the work of



Drawing of British Mission Home

Pres. and Sister Reed Callister at time of his appointment as London Mission president.



the Lord had taken root in that land."

So it had. Calls came from everywhere to preach, but the Elders could not fill them all. By Christmas day, there were two dozen branches flourishing, and they met in the famous Preston "Cockpit" for the first British Mission Conference.

James Mulliner and Alexander Wright introduced the Gospel to Scotland in the middle of the 1839 winter. Each had joined the Church there and emigrated to America, where they were called to return. Elder Mulliner stopped in Edinburgh to see his parents and begin systematic proselyting. Elder Wright went further North, to where his family lived, in a memorable episode of courage. No boats operated that season: so he, poorly fed and clothed, walked all the way, sleeping some of the nights in the icy open. He was repeatedly troubled by an illness, which a chemist diagnosed; he had smallpox. He detained only two days and then continued, bearing testimony on the way. And, strangely, when he arrived at his former home, he was completely well!



Mission home staff with Pres. and Sister Callister.

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Parliament and Big Ben along the Thames in London.

Elder Mulliner baptised the first Scottish family on January 14, 1840 and five days later, at the confirmation service, received the gift of tongues—divine approbation of the Gospel beginnings in Scotland. By the time Orson Pratt arrived in May, Scotland had 80 Latter-day Saints. The morning after he first saw Edinburgh he did a remarkable thing. He climbed a jutting hill not far away—some still remember it as “Pratt’s Hill”—and importuned the Lord to give him 200 souls in baptism. Then he worked. When, six months later, he attended the mission conference in Manchester, he reported over 250 Church members in the Edinburgh-Glasgow area.

Then the apostles came—ultimately eight were here at once. They left their homes scarcely well enough to walk or with destitute families—sometimes both. John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff came first, three days before the Scottish



Pres. and Sister
Callister with daughter,
Susan.

baptism, and Elder Taylor stayed to work in Liverpool. He addressed a congregation there that had believed. Their name was Cannon; and they were the parents of George O. Cannon, who was first counselor to three Church presidents, and the progenitors of a great Latter-day Saint posterity.

Elder Taylor later opened the mission in Ireland. His first day there he rode from one town to another with a Mr. Thomas Tate, and prophesied that he would be the first person baptised there. They were on foot the next day, Mr. Tate listening to the apostles expound the Gospel. A testimony seized him just as they came over a hill and saw a lake below. As in the eighth chapter to Acts, he exclaimed, "see, here is water—what doth hinder me to be baptised?" Nothing hindered him. Elder Taylor stayed just 10 days, and yet saw baptisms before leaving. Others carried on and in a few months there were 30 members in Ireland.

After that, Elder Taylor opened the Isle of Man, from where the Cannons originally came. It was an exciting opening, treated in the daily press. Citizens were either for or against and came in force to Elder Taylor's public meetings. Soon there was a thriving branch there. One night he talked to a family and their friends until late and baptised and confirmed them right then, for they refused to wait until morning. From the Isle of Man also came the Cowleys, Quayles, Lamberts, and many other families whose stock had been stalwart in the Church.

Elder Woodruff was sent to the Potteries, an area in North Staffordshire. He proselyted six weeks, preaching and baptising, when, during an evening the Lord's voice said, "This is the last meeting that you will hold with these people for many days." The next morning he prayed secretly to know what the Lord required and was told to go South; many people awaited the Gospel there.

Those who have visited John Benbow's farm know that only divine guidance could have led Elder Woodruff to that obscure place. Even today, with highways and detailed maps, it is difficult to find. Yet he walked 26 miles, slept, rode 35 miles on a coach and walked another 15 miles and at last was moved to call at the home of a wealthy farmer, John Benbow. It turned out to be the meeting place for an independent Church group 600 strong—45 of whom were licensed preachers



Elders of Hyde Park Chapel, Smith, Hansen, DeWett (district leader), Jensen, Gurney and Futter.

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—called the "United Brethren." Elder Woodruff declared to the man who welcomed him that he had "been sent to him by the commandment of God . . . to preach the Gospel of life."

He preached on the farm and elsewhere in the village, baptising all but one of the 600 United Brethren. A certain irate rector dispatched the constable to arrest Elder Woodruff; and afterwards he volunteered for baptism. Then the rector sent his two clerks to spy. They volunteered also. In all, over 1,800 souls were baptised in the small pond that still stands on Benbow Farm.

By April, 1840, eight apostles, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Orson and Parley Pratt, George A. Smith and Willard Richards, were in Britain. The full mission organisation was instituted and the Millennial Star was begun. In spite of the growing opposition, there were more and more baptisms; and at the mission conference 2,500 members and 80 branches were reported.

Missionaries from America had success in Wales, but it took a native Welshman to do great things there. When Joseph Smith first saw Dan Jones, he stepped up to him and said "God bless this little man." Dan joined the Church and was one who accompanied the Prophet to Carthage Jail. As the apprehension of doom grew oppressive, Joseph asked him, "Are you afraid to die?" Dan Jones said that engaged in such a cause death wouldn't have many terrors. "You will see Wales," said the Prophet, "and fulfill the mission appointed you before you die."

Dan Jones' feats in Wales are legendary. They are due not to his smallness nor to his high, excited voice, but simply to his extraordinary enthusiasm for testifying of the Restoration and the prophet he loved. Little more than a year passed before he reported twenty-eight branches and 678 members in Wales. To reply to charges made against him about this time by leading citizens of Merthyr Tydfil, he was given audience in a town assembly. Before he finished, everyone, including the police sergeant and the "big mobs who had signed the petition" against him, were weeping! That was what Dan Jones was like.

He wrote thousands of pages of pamphlets, published a magazine in Welsh, worked so energetically that when he left in early 1849 he reported twelve districts, 100 branches, 4,645 members, all in Wales!

Inspiring stories of the British Mission don't stop with these auspicious beginnings, but space prevents the telling of more. But all the events of the great era that began here in 1837 led up to a single, glorious climax; the dedication of the London Temple. In many ways it was the combination of all the missionary labours done here since Heber C. Kimball and his party docked at Liverpool.

Not only can a vast core of the Church membership trace its ancestry back to Britain, but all of its presidents, except Joseph Smith, and many of its apostles laboured here. This has been a training ground for great men. Beside the Church presidents, a few whose names are familiar today are Charles W. Penrose, George E. Richards, Orson Whitney, James E. Talmage, John A. Widtsoe, Joseph F. Merrill, Joseph Fielding Smith, Ezra Taft Benson, Richard L. Evans and Hugh B. Brown.

The British Mission is the oldest and largest mission in the Church; many think our calling here the choicest in the world because of the heritage our missionary predecessors left to us.



North London Elders, Cluff, Young, Dunn, Stanton, Adams, Treu, Weight, Anderson, Lowe, Platt, McBride, Brundage.

South London Elders,
from left, back, Nolan
Adams, Dennis Jensen
Rex Dunkley, David
Andrews, Charles
Gubler, Paul Richard-
son, Dennis Randall.



London Elders, Longstroth, Atwood, Waters, Deschamps, Brown, Perkins, Andersen; Duncan, Landonatter, Hendershot.

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★ There have been many successful evenings with investigators in the chapels throughout the British Mission with the Missionary Variety Show, "Swing into Spring." One evening alone had 126 investigators. Many referrals have been obtained as a result of this special musical presentation.



Elder Harkness, one of Variety Show singers.

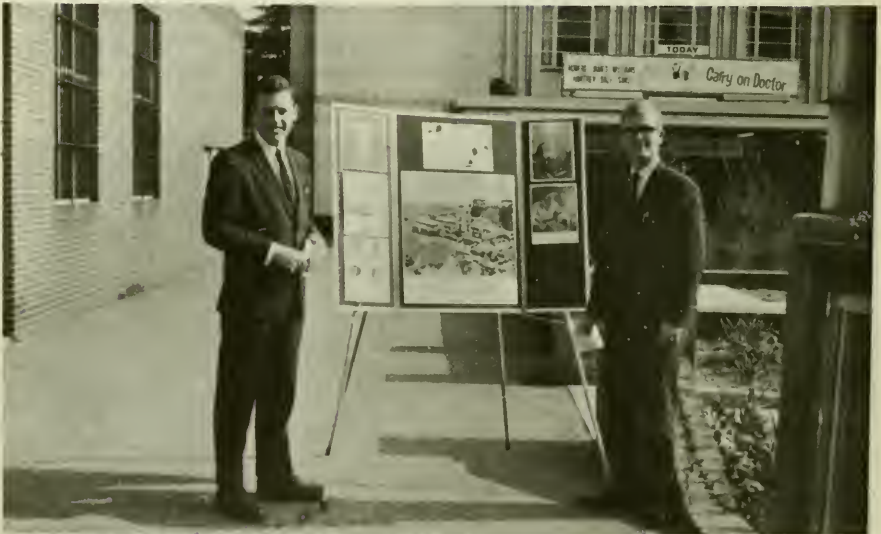
Elder Van Alstyne, organist for the mission.



Elder Bobo, variety show.



Elder Cook, vocalist.



Elders Layton and Bryson using street board in Brentwood.

Nearly 100 street boards have been constructed in the British Mission for use of each team of elders. Elders spend at least 10 hours per week with their boards on the streets and are finding many interested people. These boards are light and can be easily carried without the use of vans. The large picture features ruins found in Mexico.

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Greenwich Elders, from left, back, Ralph Dunkley, Mike Crapo, Dale Fowler, Douglas Hymas, Clayton Hiatt, James Crockett, John Stroud, Carey Quick. Front, Phil Adamson, (district leader), John Callister, Robert Tesch, Wayne Stott.



Mary Elisabeth Ellis, Mission staff receptionist.



Elders of Rochester, Ytes, Fries, Hansen, Jolley, Rieske, Howard, Merrill (district leader) Wheeler, Watts, Baumann.

FAITH

by James Crockett Elder, British Mission

★ Faith is an element that cannot be transplanted from one person to another. So-called environmental catalysts also prove to have little or no effect on this most basic of gospel principles. Each individual must discover, nurture, and harvest that seed of faith that God has planted within all mankind. There are no simple answers or easy roads to developing one's faith. It does not come instantly, but is constructed stone upon stone. Faith can only grow by constant, conscious application of the basic principles and commandments laid down by the Saviour. One cannot gain faith from another's testimony, but must be the sole designer, builder, and occupant of his building of faith. Even miracles do not tend to make one's faith grow. A miraculous experience may reinforce and cement the testimony one already has, but it will not expand it. The Saviour realized this principle when He said that miracles are for those that believe. They would be of little benefit to those non-believers who beheld them. Only when one realizes that he must depend on no one but himself, and starts to work for the building up of his own individual resource of faith, can one fully understand and appreciate how basic and essential this first principle of the gospel really is.

A TESTIMONY

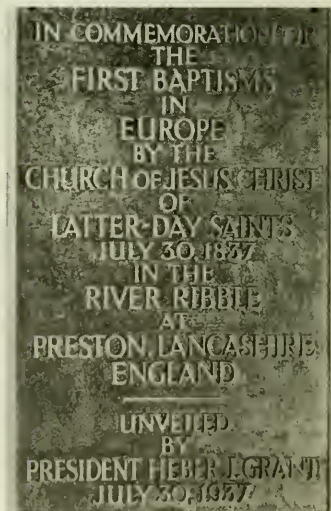
by John Callister Elder, British Mission

★ "I know that it's true!" Quite a statement to hear, but even more so to be able to truthfully utter.

Since coming on my mission I have gained a personal understanding of the importance of the Gospel like I've never had before. I have learned what it really means to have a testimony and

conviction of your own and not have to rely upon someone else's. I often times wondered how a person could be so dedicated to the Church or even how they could know for sure the things that they professed to know in a testimony meeting.

Fourteen months have brought me to the first important step in my life: that of gaining a personal testimony of the gospel and catching a glimpse of the magnitude and importance it should play in one's life. My personal aspirations in life have changed inasmuch as the Gospel is now second to nothing else. Call it dedication if you like; but it will always remain as such. The testimony that I have gained has been built upon by the many choice experiences that I have had. I am so thankful to my Father in Heaven for the opportunity I have had of serving Him and my fellow men. I love to share the gospel and my testimony with others; far beyond any shadow of a doubt: "I know that it's true."



Plaque unveiled at 100th anniversary of first missionaries arriving in England.

What Has Your Religion Given The World?

CAREY L. QUICK,
WAYNE W. STOTT

Elders, British Mission

★ What does your church offer the world? This is a question often whispered by soul-searching, unsatisfied people in the world. In their quest for the truth, sincere seekers are constantly and hopefully looking for that church which contains and offers within its PEOPLE, TEACHINGS, and ORGANISATION the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever stopped to take the time to analyze your church? Have you questioned yourself; just why am I a Mormon? What does Mormonism offer me that differs from all other churches? What effect does this religion have upon my family and friends? As a missionary, I have this opportunity often. My companion and myself while teaching the Gospel to other people, find ourselves in the position to analyze and produce what we feel the Mormon Church has to offer. Perhaps an outline of some of the outstanding incidents and doctrines of Mormonism will aid in answering this question.

One of the most outstanding testimonies of the steadfastness of the early Mormon pioneers was their 1,300 mile trek across the U.S. from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Approximately 85,000 pioneers made the long trek to Salt Lake City between 1847 and 1869. Many of the pioneers walked the entire distance pulling or pushing handcarts. The lack of food, clothing and shelter left many children, wives and husbands in shallow graves along the trail. Why did they do it? Why would so many fight and die for a principle? For them, their question was answered. They had found the truth

and would do anything to keep from losing it.

Free agency is a very important doctrine in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In effect, it is the ability and freedom to choose good or evil. It is an eternal principle, thus it has existed with God from all eternity. Our freedom is one of our most valuable possessions. Perhaps this was the reason why pioneers would withstand such tribulation.

As members of the Church we have within our possessions more scripture, (the Book of Mormon) more revelation, and more knowledge of eternal questions than any other church in the world. Having the most complete knowledge, gives us added testimonies that God lives, Jesus is the Christ, and the Bible is true. In John 16:23 the Lord talks to His apostles just prior to His crucifixion. He explains to them that He is being killed because "They have not known the Father nor me."

This could be the reason for the great number of churches in the world today. Because of the great variety in understanding God and the scriptures, there are many interpretations, and thus many denominations. Through modern day revelation, we have no need to live from past knowledge and experience alone. It is a wonderful promise to know that God will reveal His will to us daily.

The Church encompasses many more doctrines and programmes to help its members benefit to the utmost while they are here on the earth. As missionaries, we have come to love and re-

spect the teachings of the Church. Only through the application of Christ's principles can we find the true joy of living in knowledge. This Church has has given the world a new light. Through the goals of unity peace, goodwill, love and eternal perfection, the strength to provide any family or community direction for good is inevitable. The Gospel of Christ has meaning only to the individual who is totally convinced of its truthfulness, or to those who are totally committed through an undying conviction.

We share our testimonies with you, that this Gospel is true, it is the only living Church on the face of this earth. And this is made possible through the Holy Priesthood of God, once again restored and entrusted to God's children.



Inspiration for the poem, "Nearly Two" printed below.

NEARLY TWO

Marion Kitsell, Gravesend Branch

*He's broken a glass, he's dirtied his face;
He's littered his toys all over the place,
He's turned off the oven — he's turned on the grill;
He's climbed on the chair and from there to the sill:
He's hidden the cloth, he's torn up a book —
There's turmoil and chaos wherever I look.
He's turned on the tap, got hold the matches —
He's fixing the plug and undoing the catches —
He's driven me frantic . . . but what matters this,
When he climbs on my knee to give me a kiss?*

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Map of districts in British Mission.



Elders of Dover, Myers (district leader), House, Jerman, Wall Golbraith, Sant, Blair, Golbraith, Cooke, Hokes.

South Kent District

★ SOUTH KENT — Chalk cliffs, downs and quiet villages. Also includes the beautiful Canterbury Cathedral village, and white cliffs of Dover.

★ "We were baptised 6th of October, 1962 and from that day I have never looked back and I thank God for those young men who called at our door."

—Michael Fagg

South Kent District President

★ Michael Fagg has been president of the South Kent District for just over a year. Previously he had been a Sunday School Superintendent, teacher and first counsellor of the South Kent District presidency.

President Fagg has been a member of the Church since 1962 when two

missionary elders knocked at his door and the Faggs decided to listen.

President and Sister Fagg have four lovely children and have been sealed as a family unit in the London Temple. Great blessings have come to them since joining the Church. President Fagg declared "I am truly thankful to God, the mission presidents I have served under, the district officers and branch presidents and the saints of the South Kent District. You have given help and strength to me and my family in serving and working with you. We have a wonderful message to declare to the world. May God bless you all."

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JOHN RICHARDS

South Kent District Mission President

★ President Richards was born in Dover, Kent, the son of a professional baker with his own firm. He attended a Church of England school and attended a Church of England Sunday School where he sang in the choir. When he was fifteen he studied the Roman Catholic religion for about two years but found himself in conflict with some of the doctrines.

Upon leaving school he worked on the railway in the signal box. Following this he served in the Royal Air Force for three years. It was during these years that he met his wife and they were married in 1953, after which they returned to Dover to live and joined the Baptist Church. He was then working as a professional Philatelist (stamp dealer.)

In December 1962 the Elders called at their home. The first contact was very antagonistic, but from the words, that the Book of Mormon was described as a history of the American Indians, he knew that it was true. Still, he didn't want to know anything about it. All of the questions that he raised the mission-

aries had an answer for even though at times they had to go and search for the information. It took seventeen Elders and seven months before he was baptised in July of 1963.

In the same year he had an opportunity, through his job, of touring around the world visiting such countries as India, Singapore, Australia as well as Hawaii and America from west to east. On this trip he did not meet members of the church. Upon his return he quickly became involved in the branch affairs, being called to positions in both Sunday School and the M.I.A.

In 1966 he had another opportunity of going back to America on a six week vacation with his family. This time they traveled from east to west staying with church members and visiting with former Elders of the British Mission.

He is now Sunday School superintendent and during the week serves in the district missionary work.



GWYNETH FAGG

South Kent District Relief Society President

★ Gwyneth Fagg is the wife of the South Kent District President.

The Faggs have been members of the

Church for five years, and have given devoted service to the South Kent District. Sister Fagg, at 25 years of age was called to serve as District Relief Society President. She recalled, "This is the only time when I wished I was much older." She grew and developed as she functioned in her new calling and feels grateful that she was entrusted with this position. "I love Relief Society and know it was inspired of God. I realize the great change it can bring in ones life if one but tries to apply its teachings. I've been blessed with a husband who appreciated the importance of Relief Society and has done everything to help and support me in this calling.

I know this Church is true and can't begin to count the blessings we as a family have received. It's been hard work at times but surely anything we hold dear is worth a struggle."

DAVID HAGGER

Dover Branch President

★ David Hagger was born in 1936 in Barksbury, Islington the third son in a family of five boys and one girl. He was evacuated to Wales during the war and upon his return lived at Shepherds Bush. He joined the Boys Brigade and received a basic grounding in religion during the five years he was a member. He won a certificate for Religious Knowledge although he was not consciously "a religious person."

He attended grammar school and left at sixteen to begin work as a butcher. He has followed that trade ever since except for two years service in the Army Catering Corps. The family moved to Kent where he met and married his wife in 1958.

President Hagger was contacted by missionaries and was baptised in three months. Just previous to meeting the



David Hagger, Dover Branch president, and family.

elders, he and his wife lost a premature baby and felt bitter at this loss. When the missionaries came, President Hagger initially felt angry and did not want to listen. They did listen however and were willing to pray with the missionaries, even though they felt embarrassed and uncomfortable. He reports "I did as they asked and can truthfully say that I received an answer to my prayers. I felt the burning in my bosom when I asked the Lord if what these young men said was true. I must confess that my heart dropped like a stone when they told me that Mormons didn't use alcohol, tobacco, tea or coffee but I was surprised how easily I overcame this difficulty. The hardest task was the law of tithing and it wasn't for a long time that I paid a full tithe. Although my intentions have wavered, I now have a strong testimony of the law of tithing."

He concluded "I have been Branch President for nearly two years now and

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during that time my testimony of the Gospel has been strengthened as I have watched others grow under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord."

President Hagger looks forward to the time when the Church grows to the point that the branches will become wards and the Dover District a stake.

BRIAN W. PRICE

Margate Branch President

★ It was four and a half years ago when my wife answered the door to two young strangers who were Americans, introducing themselves with the utmost courtesy as missionaries of the Mormon Church. It was also our first introduction to the Mormons, for we had never heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

My wife, however, with one of our children sick, was rather busy, and in her haste, asked them to call back later that evening. Thus doing, they arrived right on time on our doorstep. With patience, tolerance and love of the gospel, they began the first of many discussions with us, after, that is, disposing of my objections to leaving the maintenance of my motor scooter. Wiping the grease from my hands, I relented and listened to the gospel of Jesus Christ. From that time on, it was constantly in our thoughts until we could think of little else.

Finally, my wife made her decision and arranged to be baptised on the 5th of October. I accompanied her to Hyde Park Chapel and relenting again, I followed her into the waters of Baptism. It was the beginning of a new and wonderful life. Since our baptism we have tried to follow the commandments of old and the teachings of Christ's own church.

I have had the privilege of blessing my own children and baptising Susan and



Brian Price, Margate Branch president.

James when they reached the age of accountability. I hope to have the honour of baptising little Ann Elizabeth next year and our new baby when she also reaches the age of eight. It is a wonderful experience for any man.

The gospel has opened our eyes to see each other and our lovely children more clearly. With the help of the members of Margate Branch we have tried together to progress. With the guidance of our previous branch president, Brother William Sproch, we were encouraged to go to the London Temple and be married for time and eternity and have our children sealed to us. We have since had one more addition to our family, Amanda Jane.

We love the Church for it has bound us together in love and unity and has made our house a home. We had few friends and now we have many. With our children we strive for glory. We now have a purpose in life.

One year ago I was called to be Branch President. I felt very honoured. With God's help and strength I hope I can fulfill this calling in His way. My wife serves as Relief Society President and also assists in Junior Sunday School. Life is full and great.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is our life. Without it, there is no life and it is the only pathway to happiness. This is my Testimony.



Canterbury Branch Relief Society the day it was organised in 1963.

CANTERBURY BRANCH RELIEF SOCIETY

★ There is a wonderful friendly atmosphere at the Canterbury Branch Relief Society meetings. Wednesday evening has become a great pleasure for the sisters to anticipate each week and a source of strength to them. They have enjoyed having the missionary sisters living near for a few months during the past two years. They have helped greatly in the branch. At times when the Relief Society sisters have been tempted to give up in despair, their help and prayers have given fresh hope and faith to carry on.

They have raised enough money by holding a Christmas Bazaar each year to buy the yearly lesson material. There are now nine members who are active. It is not a large branch, but a healthy one which should grow to be a part of the wonderful organisation of Relief Society. Their love, kindness, and service to God and fellow beings embraces the whole world.

THE HISTORY OF DOVER BRANCH

Lillian Milner

★ It began in the third week of July, 1961, when a column appeared in the local paper announcing that two Mormon

Elders had come to Dover. They wanted to get to know people as well as teach the young to play baseball. My son's friend had been given a new baseball bat and this was an opportunity to learn the game. The following Tuesday two elders visited me.

Have you ever felt that now the waiting is over? As soon as I talked to those boys, I knew that this is what I had been waiting for. The following week on August 4th, I was baptized. In two days I learned to live the Word of Wisdom, and began to do my part in building the Church in Dover.

The next few months were busy ones. More members came into the Church. Every one was involved and we soon met in Biggin Hall. We had just a few chairs to begin with. I remember the first Testimony meeting and although we were all very new members, we knew that this was right. It wasn't easy. In fact, looking back, there were times when you had to fight the prejudice against family. We had to prove by our actions that we weren't going away from them. The first Christmas was wonderful, as Christmas had a new meaning for us. In January, 1962 Relief Society was organized. We met in a sister's home, just five of us.

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Lillian Chandler, Canterbury Branch Relief Society president.

Now was the time for growth . . . Some old members fell away, but new ones came and stayed. Did you know, in those early days, we would go to Basilden in Essex for our Conference? We would leave at six in the morning and not be back until the early hours of the following morning! I remember those meetings well. That year, too, we had a beach party in June, an event that has now become annual, and one to which Saints come from miles around.

Elder Marion D. Hanks then came to London. The Kent District was born, with Gravesend as our Conference point. We began to realize how big the Church was getting, we were short in Dover of a most important person. No one held the priesthood, and so it was left to the sisters to do many jobs. We taught in Sunday School, took lessons in M.I.A., did visiting teaching, and in

general kept the branch going until such times as the priesthood should take over. During these last seven years I have seen Dover Branch at a low ebb, but I have seen it reach the heights, as well. I have known God's Spirit to be at many meetings with just a few of us there, and also with the meeting place really full.

Small as we were we entered the Road shows. The first year we won second prize. The following year we won first prize for our presentation of the "Mad Hatters Tea-Party." A wonderful achievement!

For the last three years we have taken part in the Dover Carnival. I am sure many elders who took part in this will remember it well. They will recall their sore feet, in particular because in the beginning, the float had to be pulled through two miles of streets by elders in barefeet!

Looking back I remember so many wonderful things. Much has happened since July, 1961. The Church has grown. We have found the understanding which comes through performing the various jobs one undertakes. You feel happiness at the sight of a full attendance in Church. It is a wonderful feeling to know that in some small way, you have helped to build the Church here in Dover and to realize that you have been here from the beginning. Last of all, my testimony has grown. I can stand upon my feet and know that this Church is true and that everything is worthwhile.

NOTICE!

★ Readers are reminded that the Short Story writing contest closes August 30 and that the Poetry writing contest will close on August 15. A new photography contest begins immediately and closes November 30.

North Kent District

★ NORTH KENT DISTRICT — stretches from the new Medway chapel on the north to the resort areas of Eastborne and Hastings on the south. It is here that William the Conqueror won his Crown.



Hastings Elders, LaMont, Cornelius (district leader), Christensen, Rafn, Sorenson, Calder, Burton, Dial, Goff, Stevens.



Dartford missionaries, from left, front, Dixon, Riddle, Moore, Holley, Frederick; Baumgardner. Back, Larsen, Hopfe, Ward, Cook, Thornley, Hall.

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DEREK BRAZIL

District Missionary President of
North Kent

★ A Thursday in February, 1963, was just a normal day in my life. Having completed a day's work, I arrived home very tired. After enjoying my evening meal, I sat down to take a rest. I was aroused from my slumbers by several voices. My wife was asking me the question "Will that be alright with you, dear?" to which I replied, "Yes, of course," not really knowing to what I had agreed, but realizing that two young men were shaking my hand and were about to leave.

I was informed after they had gone that we had an appointment with two Mormon Missionaries who were coming to talk to us about their Church. And so they came, and we were taught the Gospel. Elder Dennis Stokes of Ogden, Utah, and Elder Gordon Moore of Provo, Utah, were two of the finest young men it has ever been my pleasure to meet, and I have so much to thank them for.

Having been brought up in a very religious home by fine Christian parents much of what the Elders told me was not new. I was already aware of much of the Gospel message they brought. However, I had not, until this time, been able to find what I was looking for in the churches I investigated. My

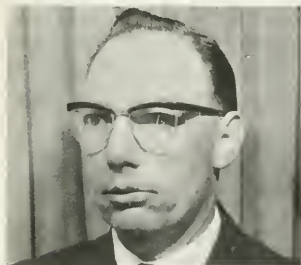


Croydon Elders Wood, Fries, Colledge, Hymas, Croft, Davis, Fox, Romney, Hymas, Stacey.

parents had something. Of this I was sure. My father had been a preacher for thirty years, and now was a Congregational Minister. Still there was something lacking. The discussions continued with the missionaries, and I began to realize that this could be the truth of which I was seeking. With my family, my wife and son, many prayers were offered asking for a sure knowledge.

My answer came when I least expected it. I had by this time accepted the Book of Mormon, but was having trouble with the Word of Wisdom as I was a heavy smoker. I could not bring myself to accept that the Word of Wisdom was a commandment from the Lord. I had been asked to pray and ask the Lord if this were not so.

I shall never forget the answer to my prayer. Having eaten a mid-day meal at the home of my wife's parents, (who were also being taught at this time) I took from my pocket my tobacco as was my usual practice, and as I opened the tin I looked at the contents, a voice within me said, "Whatever do you want with that? You can surely do without it." I then found myself almost compelled to close the lid and as I placed it on the table, I said to my father-in-law,



Derek Brazil, North Kent District Missionary president.

"You are welcome to that, I shall never need it again"

Five years have gone by and I shall be eternally grateful to the two young men, who took time out of their lives to bring the Gospel to my family. We were all baptised on June 30th, 1963. There were five baptisms on that one day. I do not wonder at the tears of joy that fell from the eyes of the missionaries on that day. We now experience the same joy by helping others to understand the Gospel.



Thomas W. West, Hastings Branch president.

THOMAS W. WEST

President of the Hastings Branch

★ Thomas W. West, President of the Hastings Branch, was born in Islington, London. He hoped to become a minister of the Church of England. One day he heard two Elders speak at Hyde Park. He was amused at the story of angels and golden plates, but decided that he would accept their offer of a copy of a Book of Mormon which they asked him to collect at Balham, S.W.12. This was an address he was soon to know almost as well as that of his own home.

He relates "I might have passed the building had it not been for two small American boys playing in the front garden. They greeted me warmly, as they took me into the chapel and introduced me to some of the local members. Sister Patty Lou Reed arrived, and shortly after handed me over to Pres. Harmer, 2nd Counsellor in the mission presidency at that time.

I just wanted to read a copy of the book. I explained that I had already read literature from many of the other churches. Pres. Harmer had other ideas. Having answered my immediate questions, he said that he would give me a copy if I would pray to know if it were true. I told him that I could not do that as I was already quite sure that it was a lot of nonsense. I would, however, if it would be alright with him pray to know where it was wrong." Pres. Harmer said, "That would be quite alright." He didn't mind how I prayed as long as I prayed.

I prayed and read the Book of Mormon all the next week, asking to know where it was wrong. Each day I became more convinced of its truthfulness. I also knew my life was being turned upside down.

Cottage Meetings followed. I was baptised in August, 1956. My first assignment was to act as assistant Scout Master of the South London Branch L.D.S. Troop. Since then I have held many different positions in the Church in Sunday School as well as district positions.

I am more grateful for my testimony of the Gospel than any mere words can say, and for all those who have helped me, known and unknown, on my way to acquiring it. I am also grateful for all the blessings which we, as a family have received in trying our best to live up to our testimonies.

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GLADYS E. ACOTT

(The oldest member of Tunbridge Wells Branch)

★ I was born into the Church of Jesus Christ and baptised at the age of eight. I was, however, unable to take an active part in Church meetings since the nearest branch was approximately thirty miles away.

About seven years ago, two missionaries called at my home with the great news that they were working in this district. After a short time a branch was formed. Imagine what it meant to me! I was able to associate with members of the true Church and watch the progress of the Church in England. It is wonderful the way the Gospel is spreading in the world.

I had the honour of being present at the dedication of the Temple at Lingfield. It was both an emotional and spiritual experience—one that I shall always remember with thankfulness, especially when I had the opportunity of meeting President David O. McKay. One felt that he is indeed a Prophet of God—radiating truth and goodness.

About five years ago I was called to the office of Branch Relief Society president. This auxiliary has helped me in my home and business life. I've had more patience and understanding of others' difficulties. My one hope is that I shall always be strong enough to hold fast to the Rod of Iron.

MY STORY

Olive Jillings, Dartford Branch

★ On a mild day in the Autumn of 1908, a friend came to our house in Ilford and took my two smaller brothers and I to her home for a party. We had a lovely time. There was plenty of nice food. I remember seeing the largest rice pudding I had ever seen. Her two big boys who were usually terse with us

went out of their way to be kind and friendly. We learned later, that that was the day my mother had been buried.

After her death, my sister, Violet, at the age of sixteen was left to be the mother to her nine brothers and sisters, and housekeeper to my father. He was the local Recruiting Sergeant for the Army and used the front room of our house for his office. The hardest part of her household duties was to keep us all quiet when my father was working. This was not easy with six boys endowed with an Irish temperament. The love of fighting and arguing and a determination not to be under a petticoat government was in their blood. She could ordinarily handle them.

However, one day I remember they had reduced her to tears by threatening to tell my father that she had been talking to the Mormons. The visit of two missionaries had been a pleasant surprise to her. They were mannerly and interesting. They weren't Catholics, of course, but it had been only civil to talk to them when they called.

Years later I went to a cinema featuring a film about the Mormons. I learned how Joseph Smith found the treasure which he converted to the Book of Mormon. He then began the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was a very interesting film. I wished that I could have been one of them. I did not realise what the future held for me.

When I married, I was a practising Catholic, but as the years went by, my religion had no real meaning or significance in my life.

When I retired from work, I found myself for the first time with lots of spare time. I felt there was a great lack of purpose in my life, and began to realize that "man cannot live by bread alone." My Bible gave me some

comfort but by itself it was not sufficient. One day at Eltham I stopped to listen to a young missionary. Mormonism wasn't a legend of the past, it was still a very real thing. Many people were living happily, and actively participating in a way of life that would help them receive eternal life. I found that I could quite easily fit into this new way of life and I was baptised into the Church. When I was confirmed, I knew I had been travelling a long time to find at last, the right place. It had taken me sixty years to join the true Church.

I am hoping that my children will not take quite as long as I did in realising that this is the true Church. I hope they will come to understand that living in accordance with the doctrines of the Church is the only way to live and enjoy happiness in this life, and have eternal life in the next.



Richard F. Marquiss, Tunbridge Branch president.

RICHARD F. MARQUISS

Branch President, Tunbridge Wells Branch

★ Pres. Marquiss has always been interested in religion and was guided by it from his earliest recollection. By the time he was ten years old he had listened to traveling preachers and was touched by their invitation to be "saved." Eventually he adopted the faith of his parents. He became a Christian Scientist. He found comfort and support through hard times by this concept of God.

Pres. Marquiss served in the army during the war for more than six years. He was part of the R.A.S.C. Water Transport. When he was released from the service he married and began a career in Publicity, Photography and Sales Promotion. Times became difficult and he faced economic stress and financial struggle. It was during this period that the missionaries called at his home. They encouraged him to pray to his Father in Heaven for help, whatever his problems. He received answers to his prayers and in due course, he and his entire family accepted baptism.

"My four and a half years in the Church have been the most progressive in my life and this I know applies to my wife and children, as well. We still have our problems, but now we are well equipped to deal with them and know if God is for us, no man can do us harm," Pres. Marquiss says.

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Essex District

★ Essex is a fertile land midway in the British Mission. It is part of the famous "Constable country." It includes the cockney paradise of Southend-on-Sea.



Missionaries of Enfield, Kopp, district leader; Emory Smith, Fred Bobo, Chris Ashcroft, David Budge, Robert Anderson, Peter Wilson, Judy Stander, Shirley Wells.



Southend Elders, Homer, Dolley, Herzog, Olson, Elkins, Pearson, Larsen, Washburn, Butler, Ackerson.

Harlow Elders, Cutchshaw, Wood, Whiting, Hall, Stokes, Lemmon, Finley, Olsen, Bezzant, Harlow.



Ilford Elders, from left, front, Scoll, Stewart, Draper, Bevan, Kendall, Seamans.; back, Buhler, Weight, Fisher, Adams, Watkins, Neilsen.

★ "The Lord has been so gracious and merciful to us that we could never repay Him by spending our whole lives in His service."

—Harold Hunt

Essex District President

★ Pres. Harold Hunt was brought up in the Church of England faith. He was a choir boy and an Altar Server in the local parish church. He attended a Church of England school and was married in the Church of England in 1942 to a girl he met in Ireland during World War II.

The Hunts first heard of the Church in 1950 and were baptised nine months later. Pres. Hunt described their experience. "Our conversion was not any easy one for the missionaries. It was a sense of responsibility that made us accept baptism rather than a great desire to change our life and serve to me that Joseph Smith was a prophet. the Lord. The Holy Spirit bore witness This I had to know."

Pres. Hunt has filled many postions of responsibility in the Church. He has been branch president, branch and Sunday School chorister, M.I.A. superintendent, Sunday School teacher, district

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Harold Hunt president, Essex District

missionary, district councilman, counsellor in the district presidency and now serves as district president.

Pres. Hunt commented "We have learned to love the Gospel and thank the Lord for it and for the many blessings that have been ours through being members of His true Church. I thank my Father in heaven for my wonderful wife who, by her patience and true love, has made these years of service to the Lord so joyful. I thank Him for our four children with which He has blessed us and who we hope in due time will fulfill missions."

TERENCE MUNDER,
District Missionary President

★ Just before Christmas of 1965 the Mormon missionaries called at the door of Terence Munder. Pres. Munder claims that his conversion to the Church is due to the fact that his wife can never say 'no' to anyone at the door. They listened to the two Elders and in due course were baptised.

Pres. Munder was brought up in the east end of London where Church was a place where you were christened, married and buried. Smoking was a way of life from the time you were a young boy, and he smoked from the time he was fourteen years old. This long standing habit was broken through the power of prayer.

The Munders have been active members of the Church since their baptism. He enjoys missionary work and finds that his testimony grows as he tries to bring the Gospel to others.



Terence Munden and Sister Munden.

ALBERT HENRY FIELD

British Mission Genealogical Advisor
★ Albert Henry Field was born at Chelmsford, Essex and has lived and worked there all of his life. He was educated at the local Church of England day school until fourteen when he took a job as a clerk in a local newspaper office. He is now employed by the Church as custodian of the new Chelmsford chapel.

He served five years during the war as a signaller in the infantry. He saw action in Italy, Greece and Palestine.

Bro. Field married a girl that he had



Albert H. Field, mission Genealogical advisor.

courted since his school days. They have had their marriage sealed in the Temple and have four children.

The missionaries called at the Field home in 1951. The message they brought had meaning to them. Bro. Field said "At first I was sceptical about the Joseph Smith story and of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. When I put the promise of Moroni to the test, I found that the Lord was indeed ready to reveal to me that these things were true."

Bro. Field is an ardent genealogist and strives hard to interest others in this important task. Most of his leisure hours are spent in conducting searches on behalf of members of the Church living in many different parts of the world.

DENNIS R. A. ADCOCK

Enfield Branch President

★ Dennis Adcock has been a member of the Church for nine years and has recently been made president of the newly formed Enfield Branch. It is a long journey from this appointment back to the time when the missionaries first knocked at his door and Sister Adcock invited them in. She had an immediate quickening of the spirit and believed these elders had a special

spiritual quality. As they gave their message and spoke of the angel, Moroni, she felt that there was communication direct from heaven to her on her doorstep.

Later the elders met and taught Bro. Adcock. It took six gruelling months for him to accept the Gospel. He reported "I ran out of awkward questions, threw my pipe away, emptied the wine bottles at the end of the garden and was baptised."

His testimony has increased and he gives this counsel to his branch members. "If you stay in the Church, living worthily and taking on what is asked of you, your capacity increases, blessings follow and your testimony grows."



Dennis R. A. Adcock, Enfield Branch president.

JAMES BRANDON

Basildon Branch President

★ James Brandon was born in the east end of London. The family was evacuated to Grays Hill Essex at the beginning of World War II. Bro. Brandon was called to serve his country as an infantryman at the age of eighteen. He joined the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments serving in Egypt, Italy and Greece. He was wounded three times.



James Brandon, Basildon Branch

At the end of the war he met and married Ivy Lockett. They now have four children.

The missionaries called at their door and taught them the Gospel. They have been active members of the Church since their baptism in 1961.

Bro. Brandon has a strong testimony of the Gospel. He declared "My family and I have been truly blessed. I know that this is the only true Church on the earth today and pray that we shall continue to be blessed that our testimonies may grow and we shall endure to the end".



John Bennett, Southend Branch, outstanding youth.

THE GLORY OF GOD IS INTELLIGENCE

★ John Bonnett is the son of Doris Bonnett, British Mission Relief Society

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secretary from the Southend Branch. He has one brother, Terry, who is fourteen. He has received recognition for outstanding achievement in his school work. John, now 17, was baptised on the 7th October, 1961. He attended Eastwood High School for Boys for five and a half years and is now in the 6th form at Westcliff Grammar School and continuing work on his "A" levels.

John has completed nine "O" levels, and was given an 'A' rating in all his subjects he also received the highest commendation from his headmaster. In addition to his scholastic achievements he has been Prefect and school Rugby Captain. John has also received a Duke of Edinburgh's Award and has been active in his Youth Club. He enjoys chess and stamp collecting as hobbies.

In his Church responsibilities he has received 3 Aaronic Priesthood Awards and one Letter of Achievement.

GEORGE H. STEVENS

Chelmsford Branch President

★ After the war, the Stevens family moved to Chelmsford. They were strangers in the community and far away from their families. They had a new baby son and a young daughter. Sister Stevens became ill and was hospitalized for over a year. The baby was taken to a welfare home and their little girl was cared for by her father having her meals at school and at the home of a friend. These were hard times for this young family.

Sister Stevens came home for short periods and it was during one of these visits that the lady missionaries called on her. They later reported that they had a distinct and strong impression to call at the Stevens' door. Regular discussions followed and this family was eventually baptised.

In due course, Sister Stevens returned home and with the help of administrations and prayer has remained well. Brother Stevens testifies. "I am truly thankful to the Lord for answering my prayers and for the better health that my wife enjoys and all our blessings. I know that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God and that David O. McKay today is a Prophet of God."

DOROTHY M. BUNN

Kings Lynn Branch Relief Society
President

★ On 26th October 1926 at Brixton, London I was born second of a family of seven children of hard working parents. All through my childhood I can remember that money was never very easy to come by. It was a great struggle for my parents to bring up their family, as in those days there were no family allowances. Soon after war broke out, my school was evacuated to a safer area. As we did not want to be separated from our parents we did not go.

My father at that time had a green-grocers round, and later joined the Fire Service. As my mother and sister went out to work, I had to look after the younger ones. This was a terrible strain. When the day raids on London took place I had to get my younger brother and sisters to an improvised shelter, a converted ground floor flat. It was always a great relief to hear the "all clear" sound. A greater blessing was when my mother and sister arrived home safely.

Then when the night raids took place, usually about nine p.m., we would gather gas masks, cushions and blankets and down to the shelter we would go, staying there till the morning. By November 1940, the firemen were advised

to get their families out of the danger zone.

So with our toys given away and our furniture and chattels stored I found myself with my mother, brother and sisters on the 14th November, 1940, at a railway station with just a suitcase of clothes.

I think that was the very first time I ever heard the town of King's Lynn mentioned. I do remember very clearly saying to myself on arrival, "Why King's Lynn?" Quite a few years passed before I had the answer.

It was a great shock to find that my family had to be split up and live in different homes as evacuees. My poor mother was nearly frantic, trying to keep track of her children in such a large crowd and finding the five addresses they would be taken to. I can remember ladies coming up the line of children and saying "I'll have this one." We were all very lucky, we had good foster mothers and lovely homes, but it was still a wonderful thrill when in February, 1941 my mother was able to rent a house and we were together again.

A year or two later my father was transferred to the Norfolk Fire Brigade, and was able to come home on his free days. It was from this time that my questions started to be answered. In September, 1948 I was married.

My marriage was a very happy one, but like my mother and father we had to spend carefully and wisely. We had only been married 12 years when my husband died and I was left with four young children between the ages of nearly four and eleven. It was a dreadful shock and I often wondered why it should happen. We were happy together and he loved the children so much, that no matter how tired or late it was when he got home from work, he would

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never go to bed without giving them a good-night kiss.

I think my prayers were answered when three months later missionaries called at my home. After two or three visits they had made a lasting impression on me. We had the lessons, read the leaflets and prayed and within three weeks of meeting the Elders my son, eldest daughter, and I were baptized on the 6th May, 1961. What an eventful day it had been.

It is now seven years since that wonderful day. We have had a long hard fight but have received many blessings. My children have all gained testimonies. My son is a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, my eldest daughter has just become a member of Relief Society, my second daughter became the first child in King's Lynn to graduate last year from Primary. My youngest daughter is now in the Firelight class in Primary and has just recently been chosen as head girl at school.

I have worked as a Sunday School and Primary teacher and now have a

small home Primary Relief Society was the first auxiliary to be organised here on the 3rd July, 1962, at this same meeting I was elected president the same position that I hold today. I also work as Social Science teacher, work teacher, and acting secretary, as we do not have enough active members to share these responsibilities.

At many of our meetings we only have two members present, but they are all worthwhile and very rewarding. We only have six Relief Society members and we all live some distance apart which adds to our difficulties.

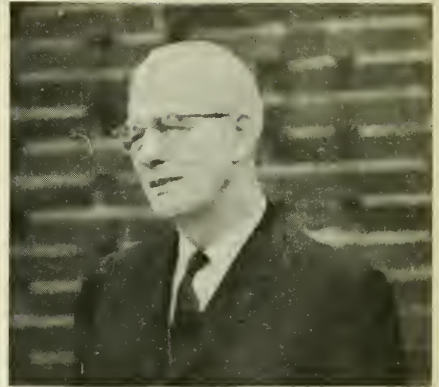
A few months ago we were blessed with the arrival in the area of an active Mormon family and now have an Elder in the branch. Now we again have the missionaries back with us in King's Lynn. The answer to my question has been fully made known. I was to come to King's Lynn to receive the Gospel and accept a position in the Church, to help the Lord in His work in this part of His vineyard. I shall always be grateful for this opportunity.

Romford Elders,
Macklangston, Hell-
strom, Barrett, Doren-
bosch, Britton, Layton,
Miskin, Richard Den-
halter district leader;
Bryson, Mackay, Bing-
ham, Preece.





Sister Emma Marr Petersen at Chelmsford Chapel dedication.



Elder Mark E. Petersen at Chelmsford Chapel services.



Choir at the Chelmsford Chapel dedication.



Jubilee Hall where the Chelmsford Branch met in 1951.

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Chelmsford Chapel dedicated by Elder Petersen.



Medway Chapel, North Kent District, dedicated May 31 by Elder Petersen.



Southend Branch, Essex, pantomime, "The Beauty and the Beast."

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A GARDEN

by Rose Newman, Basildon Branch.

The Lord God walked in the Garden in the cool of the day,
He walks in my Garden too, now that I've found the way,

Spring, and I search for new life and find a snow-drop there
and I think of a Manger in Bethlehem and a Baby so fair,
He came to win us back to God — a child so dear,
His life was spent for our sakes if we will only hear.

Summer, and the lilies so majestic and tall,
Bring thoughts of Christ, the purest of all,
He began his Father's work while yet a youth,
and taught us obedience, forgiveness and truth.

Autumn, when the beauty of dying nature surrounds me
I close my eyes and remember the stillness of Gethsemane.
My Saviour walked in that Garden to speak to his Father above,
and I feel so ashamed and unworthy of such wonderful,
wonderful love.

Winter, finds my Garden dark and cold and bare,
sadly I think of a cross and my Saviour hanging there.
Can we look lightly on all His grief and pain?
Surely we have hope, all was not given in vain.

But winter passes, the Robin sings his song
Heralding the re-birth, doubt and fear have gone.
In a Garden a stone is rolled away and Angels standing near
tell us that He is risen — my King, my Saviour dear.

Mary thought Him the gardener and I think she was right,
For we are his flowers, flourishing in His life — giving light.
Oh! my wonderful Garden, it is my Abbey, my Cathedral,
Bird's songs are my Choir, trees my steeples tall,
Peace, sweet peace in my Garden, the Saviour's gift to all men.
Sunshine flits through my steeples, and my Choir sings a
Grand Amen.

Norwich District

★ There are many resort areas in the Norwich District. People come from all over England to enjoy the great sport of fishing available in Norfolk. Lowestoft is England's most easterly town. There are two L.D.S. chapels in this district and the M.I.A. groups are particularly active.

★ "I never cease to marvel at the great influence the Gospel has upon the lives of those who are really intent in living it as the Lord has commanded His children to do—in faith."

—John Margetson, Norwich District President



John E. Margetson, president, Norwich District.

★ John E. Margetson, president of Norwich District, is a man of rich background and varied experience. He served as a Royal Marine for twelve years just prior to and during World War II. He was married during the war and when it was over settled in Gorleston, a quiet resort town on the east coast. He joined Radio Component Manufacturers for whom he still works.

Two missionaries called at the Margetsons door and impressed by their appearance and desire to preach the Gospel, President Margetson invited them in. This was the beginning of a new life. John, his wife, Cathy, and members of her family were taught the Gospel and were baptised on the 21st of October, 1958. President Margetson described the occasion:

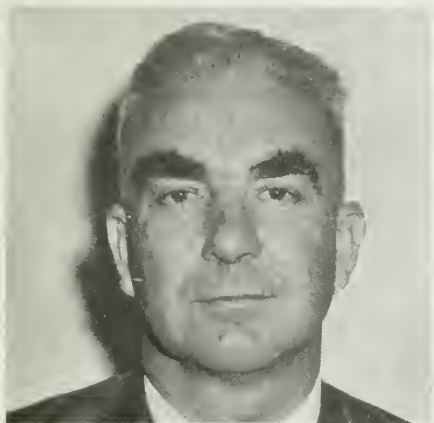
It was a day that I well remember, so many traveled to Norwich for our baptism. I recall the great joy and excitement which prevailed amongst both missionaries and members, creating a wonderful spirit about this whole day for us. As I witnessed my wife coming out of the waters of baptism so radiant in the newness of life that baptism brings, it brought home to me so vividly the power of the priesthood and the divine authority that these young missionaries held. There was no doubt in my mind that this was the true Gospel of Jesus Christ that we had been taught and had accepted.

President Margetson became an Elder and in due course went to the temple. He has served as district clerk, as second counsellor in the district presidency and was called as district president in 1963.

President Margetson stated "I have been so grateful for the opportunity of being able to serve in the Church, of being strengthened in my testimony as I have striven to live the Gospel to the

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full. I am grateful to have been associated with so many wonderful people from whom I have learned so much. I am so grateful to those wonderful, young missionaries who made all this possible. They would not be discouraged no matter what we said or how hard we tried not to accept the Gospel. I appreciate the families who have supported them on their missions. I shall always feel a debt of gratitude. I am thankful for my dear wife who has sustained me in my priesthood and has given me great encouragement in the work I have striven to do. May the Lord truly bless them all."



Aaron G. Amacher, Norwich District Missionary president.

MY HERITAGE

Aaron G. Amacher, Norwich District Missionary President

★ As a young girl in her teens, my mother became seriously ill. The nature of her sickness was not understood by the doctors of her time and none could help her. The sickness caused large open sores to develop on her arms and legs and soon prevented her from walking and getting about. They became so severe that the doctors recommen-

ded that her legs be amputated in order that her life be saved. She refused to allow this. During this time, she heard the Gospel preached by two young missionaries. She decided to join the Church. The missionaries carried her into the waters of baptism because she could not walk or stand.

Shortly after her entrance into the Church she asked one of the missionaries, who was about to complete his mission, to administer to her. In the blessing, the elder promised her that she would recover, go to Zion and there she would have sons and daughters from an eternal marriage covenant.

At this time, these promises seemed impossible. She was living with a married sister who had had compassion upon her in her illness. My mother could not work to pay any of the passage to America. Who would believe that such a sick person could recover, find a husband and bear children? But it all came true. Her recovery began from the day she was blessed. Funds to cross the ocean were made available to her. The remaining portion of the blessing was also fulfilled.

It was under the direction of this remarkable woman that I received my early training in the Gospel. My father was no less faithful.

(Note: President Amacher is a Colonel in the United States Army serving in England.)

DENNIS R. REEVES

Norwich District Missionary President

★ Pres. Reeves was born in Essex near the Epping Forest. When he was married and had three children they moved to Taradale, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Soon after their arrival they learned of the baptism into the Mormon Church of two cousins living in Norwich. They wondered what kind of a religion



Top cultural highlight of MIA June Conference was the music festival in the Tabernacle.



Several outstanding musicians selected from throughout the Church were presented.



Dennis R. Reeves, Norwich District Missionary president.

it could be. Strangely enough, within a week or two Mormon missionaries knocked at their door. They were surprised at the Reeves' interest and eagerness to learn about the Gospel. The Reeves family was baptised within three weeks.

Pres. Reeves is particularly grateful to the missionaries and also to Bishop Richard John Carrol of the Hastings Ward. He described him as "a Maori of striking features and massive build. He devoted one or sometimes two evenings a week teaching us about the Church and its doctrines."

Pres. Reeves became an elder in seven months and in May, 1965 he took his family to the temple.

This family has returned to Norwich to live and have had a joyous reunion with the cousins who first aroused their interest in the Gospel.

Pres. Reeves concluded by saying "I hope to be able to serve the Lord to the best of my ability for all time."

KENNETH LEWIS WARREN

Norwich Branch President

★ Kenneth W. Warren is an insurance broker in partnership with his first counsellor, Kenneth Johnson. He is married and has three children. One daughter lives in Salt Lake City. All are active members of the Church.

The Warrens were baptised in 1950 and their conviction of the divinity of the Gospel has grown each year. Brother Warren said "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is indeed the first love of my life or rather I should say 'our lives,' because my wife is as dedicated to the Church as I am. What treasures of knowledge have already been revealed to us and how empty our lives would be without this great Church of the Saviour."

He declared "There are times when I feel so uplifted by the Spirit of the Lord that I feel akin to that fortunate organist who struck that glorious chord of music and heard 'the sound of a great Amen.'"

Brother Warren believes that these are times when adventure is not a thing of a bygone era to be found only in a foreign land. There are great challenges to be found in this country and great opportunities to live the Gospel.

BARBARA M. BARBER

Norwich District Primary President

★ Barbara M. Barber serves as Norwich District Primary president. She has long experience in this auxiliary. She was recently presented with a lovely pin to commemorate ten years of Primary service.

Sister Barber was born and brought up in Norwich. It was here that she and her husband both accepted the Gospel when the missionaries called at their home. She said "I regret to say

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Barbara M. Barber, Norwich District Primary president.

that I was the 'stiff necked' one. It wasn't until my husband's baptism that I saw the light. I have never felt so left out of anything in all my life. However, that was soon rectified and since that day, ten years ago, the Gospel has been the motivating power of my life."

The Barbers have been active Church members and have worked in nearly all of the Church organizations. Their efforts have brought them much satisfaction and happiness. Sister Barber described her greatest calling as caring for and teaching her own children. She said "My greatest calling is to bring up my two sons and one daughter as true Latter-day Saints, and with the help of the Lord, my husband and I are striving to do this."

ALBERT A. COLE

President of the Gorlston Branch,
Norwich District

★ A branch was formed in Yarmouth in 1931 and Albert Alexander Cole was called to be the branch president. Two missionaries served as his counsellors. Bro. Cole and his young son were the only local priesthood holders in the branch. The total membership, of which including children, was eleven. All

meetings were held at first in Bro. Cole's home. Eventually, they were able to hire a room for their services and soon the Sunday School increased to forty. Then the war began and all missionaries were called home. The children and most of the adults were evacuated from the town and the branch was temporarily closed.

Bro. Cole was asked to serve in the District presidency. His new calling required him to visit each remaining branch in the district once a month. He also visited an American Air Force Base as often as possible to serve the sacrament to the service men who were members of the Church.

Bro. Cole says "My life has been rich with priesthood experience and now at the age of seventy-two I am president of the Gorlston Branch. I thank our Heavenly Father for the prompting of His Holy Spirit which brought the elders to my door over thirty eight years ago. It was an event which changed my whole life and brought much joy and happiness into it."



Albert A. Cole, Gorlston Branch president.



Missionaries of Norwich, back, Dalley, Warnick, Layton, Hogan, Faber, Schiffman, Richter; front, Richardson, Seamons, Cook, Wickham.



Edith Thrower, oldest member of Norwich Branch with daughter Margaret and son, Stuart.

ELSIE MASTERS

Norwich

★ Elsie Master's father was a convert to the Church and so she was baptized at the age of twelve. She has had a life time of continuous Church service since then. She has served twenty years in Primary and was honoured recently at district conference for long service to the children of the Church. She has worked at district level as well as on the mission board.

One of her greatest satisfactions came when she was a counsellor in the Norwich Branch Primary. She took her turn each third week with the president and other counsellor in travelling ten miles to Soddon to assist in a home Primary for three brothers all of different ages. She said "I found myself looking forward to this every third week as in this week I attended two Primaries."

She has always had complete co-operation from her family and has had great joy in serving the Lord.



Elsie Masters, Norwich, recently received Primary 20-year service pin.

Ipswich District

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★ IPSWICH — Two U.S. Air Force bases are located in the Ipswich area which means more American participation than in any other part of the mission.

This was the centre of the Puritans, the sea gate to East Anglia and an area to which Charles Dickens brought fame. Three chaples are in this area.

Also Britain's oldest recorded town in this area—Colchester— was the home of Old King Cole.

Ipswich Elders, back,
Harkness, Wagner,
Carter, Meikle, Hart,
Miles, Hill; back,
McConkie, Gregory,
Cluff, Ellison,
Bernacehi.



Cambridge Elders, front, Meredith, Hankey, Osborne; back, Greene, Thornton, Francis, Peters, Wagner, district leader.

★ "The Lord's blessings are commensurate with the effort we put forth."

—Gordon Stewart

Ipswich District President

GORDON STEWART

District President, Ipswich District

★ Gordon Stewart is a young American born in Rexberg, Idaho. His ancestors were Mormon emigrants from Scotland and Denmark. Rexberg is a farming community with 95% of the people Latter-day Saints. President Stewart's life revolved around the hub of the Church. He attended all the Church programmes and as he grew to manhood was called to serve as a missionary in Great Britain. He said "I served my mission from 1958 to 1960 in the old districts of Hull, Newcastle and Manchester. I was here at an exciting time as I saw a new temple built in Britain a mission divided and the first British stake organised. I grew to love the British

people and promised myself I would return someday to see my many friends again."

He returned home and enrolled at the Utah State Agricultural College and completed his studies in 1963 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He married Jerry Kay Healy two days after graduation.

They both obtained employment in Oregon and spent the next three years working and saving their money with one goal in mind—to return to England. President Stewart stated "We made up our minds to resign from our work and come to Europe to see those far off places we always dreamed about. We made all the necessary arrangements and left home in June of 1966. We purchased a car in Sweden and a great deal of camping gear and spent the rest of the summer traveling. It was a wonderful experience and my wife even got used to a sleeping bag and tent."



Colchester Branch Chapel, dedicated in May.

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They arrived in England in September of 1966 and decided to stay for another year rather than return home. President Stewart found a job with one of the U.S. Air Force Bases near Newmarket, Suffolk and moved to the village of Mildenhall.

The Stewarts immediately became active in the Cambridge Branch and Gordon was later called to be the District President.

President Stewart concluded "I feel the blessings of the Lord daily and am so grateful for the opportunities for service in the Church which I have had. The Church experiences I have had in England are priceless. My testimony was discovered when here as a missionary and has now been strengthened greatly while serving as District President. I owe much to the British members and thank them all for the opportunity of growth and development in the ways of our Father in Heaven."

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

Perry T. Roberts, Branch President

★ Brother Roberts has served as the Cambridge Branch President for two years. He is a former resident of Lewiston, Utah where he was born and raised, he is a life member of the Church. He became an Eagle Scout at the age of sixteen and attended seminary during his school years. Brother Roberts graduated from Utah State University and from Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. He is a board certified Otorhino and Laryngologist (ear, nose and throat surgeon) with the United States Air Force at Lakenheath, Suffolk. He serves a patient population of 70,000 USAF personnel and dependents. His wife is Jo Ann Hart Roberts formerly of Preston, Idaho and they have five children. They will be moving shortly to San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN V. MORVAN

Branch President, Braintree Branch

★ John V. Morvan, a member of the United States Air Force, was born in Louisiana in the United States. His first contact with the Church was when he met his wife, a Mormon. In due time they were married by a Justice of the Peace, as Sister Morvan could not accept a Catholic marriage service. When children were born Sister Morvan felt a strong need for the Church and again became active, whilst President Morvan still attended his own church.

The Morvans then received a three year assignment in Japan for the Air Force. They soon discovered a small group of L.D.S. service men who met on the base, and while Sister Morvan was very pleased, President Morvan was not unduly enthusiastic. He did, however, begin to attend Sunday School occasionally as his wife and boys were active and trying hard to influence him. He said "It was in the third year of our Japanese assignment and also because of my wife and family that my eyes and mind became opened.

My wife arranged a meeting for me in my home with the local Branch President. After his visit I said that I would at least listen to what the missionaries had to say. When the Elders came they taught me well and asked if I would pray whether or not the Church was true. It took a while for my prayer to be answered, but not nearly as long as it had been for my wife, she had never missed a day for the previous five years.

After I was baptised, my oldest son who was to be six the following January, presented me with a three in one and told me he hoped that I would always be a good member of the Church. At the next Fast and Testimony meeting he stood and bore his testimony,

and said how happy he was that his Daddy had joined the Church and that he prayed that when he got to be eight years old that I would baptise him.

Thanks be to the Lord that his prayer was answered. The Lord has blessed us beyond words. We have been able to go to his Temple and to be sealed as a unit. We have seen the Priesthood blessings in our home. The Church has given us an opportunity to serve and we are grateful to be in England.

I have now been Branch President for over a year and I have seen many faithful members come into the Church. They are diligent and eager to learn more of our Heavenly Father. Our membership in this branch is 78 and growing steadily. One thing I know is that the Lord will take care of everything if we do our part. May we ever try."



John G. Morvan and sons. He is president of Braintree Branch.

GRACE E. DEWEY

Braintree Branch, Relief Society President

★ Grace E. Dewey was a referral to the missionaries from L.D.S. friends in New Zealand. She was taught the

Gospel and baptised in 1967. She has been fully active and has held several offices of responsibility since that time.

As Relief Society president of Braintree Branch she leads both American and British sisters. She feels it is important to give the American sisters an understanding of English customs and home life to take back with them when they return to their homeland. Because of this, the recent anniversary of the Relief Society was celebrated with a traditional English dinner of roast beef, yorkshire pudding with all the trimmings, followed by fruit pie and custard. The dinner was held in the lovely four-hundred year old, oak beamed home of Sister Dewey.

THE STORY OF THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

★ The Church in Cambridge had a difficult beginning. For years, before 1935, there were no actual members, just Mrs. Pont, who though not baptized, had a testimony of the Gospel. She was alone in her conviction, but waited, hoped and prayed.

In 1935 Sister Reed joined the Church while living in Lowestoft. She later moved to Cambridge where there was no organized branch. The missionaries had found Cambridge unfruitful soil, where intellectuals scorned; and Christians closed their doors in their faces.

In 1958 a small group of Saints congregated in Cambridge to form a branch. They met in St. John's Ambulance Hall, a small, unpretentious room. But, the seed, once planted, grew and the Branch increased in size, spirituality and strength. Eventually they moved to a larger school building and Sister Pont and Sister Reed were drawn into the group. Their long years of waiting were over.

Progress did not run smoothly altoget-

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ther. Some people would join the Church and then lose their testimonies and drop away. Hard core English members were few. The main strength of the Branch came from American Saints either visiting or working in Cambridge or from the numerous USAF bases surrounding the area. 'America the Beautiful' has always been sung with particular vigor in Cambridge.

Now, a beautiful L.D.S. chapel stands on Cambridge soil. The pillars supporting God's house in Cambridge are still strongly American but now the British accent is increasingly to be heard almost with as much prominence as Uncle Sam's English.

The Cambridge L.D.S. Church in 1968, presents a picture of optimism and opportunity as well as some frustration. Stable English leadership is still desperately needed, for the American Saints are a mobile breed. Our future depends on our faith coupled with hard work, leaving the rest in the hands of Him in whom these things are best entrusted.

BURY ST. EDMONDS RELIEF SOCIETY HISTORY

Margaret J. Goodchild, Relief Society President

★ Bury St. Edmunds is a very old town in the county of Suffolk. There are Abbey ruins in the town centre and many ancient buildings, and strong connections with the Magna Carta. Bury St. Edmunds Branch came into being in 1961 and the Relief Society was organised in the same year. At first, we were part of the Norwich District, Central British Mission, but later became part of the Ipswich District, British Mission.

At the end of 1961 there were nine Relief Society members. Six of them were Americans from nearby bases and three English sisters. When the Branch

was disbanded in 1965 and membership at Bury St. Edmunds transferred to the new chapel at Cambridge, the Relief Society still continued to meet at the nearby U.S. Air Force base at Lakenheath. In 1967 a decision was made to regroup into two Relief Society branches, one at the Air Force Base at Lakenheath largely made up of American Service wives, and one in Bury St. Edmunds itself, consisting of nearly all English sisters living in and from around the town.

The Branch in Bury S. Edmunds has now reformed again, first with a Sunday School, and later Sacrament meetings. Most recently Primary was added. We are now a fully organised Branch once more.

I thank my Heavenly Father for Joseph Smith and all the Church presidents and prophets including our present Seer and Revelator, David O. McKay. I know that I am a member of the true Church of Jesus Christ. This is my testimony.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Julia T. West, Colchester Branch

★ One of Grandmother's favourite sayings was "Where there's a will there's a way." So many times these words of wisdom come back to me, particularly as I endeavour to live the Gospel principles. How many times do we excuse ourselves for not having family prayer by saying "It's impossible to get all the family members together at one time?" A way could be found by getting up fifteen minutes earlier each morning, or by gathering the family together in prayer before or after a particular meal. The blessings of family prayer are many and far-reaching. The mere fact that all members of a family can kneel down together while one member expresses the wishes of himself and the rest of the group is a

wonderful thing and brings unity and strength of purpose.

Family Home Evening gives families the opportunity of being together one evening each week to discuss the Gospel and everyday living. This increases understanding and love, priceless blessings in this day and age when so many families consist of a group of strangers living under the same roof. Yet, how often we deprive ourselves of these blessings because a little effort is required and excuse ourselves by saying "There is no way?" It is our will that is weak.

How many times do we utter the words "There just aren't enough hours in each day to enable me to accomplish all the things I want to do," when a little planning and organisation would

solve most of our problems?

Determination should be the key word throughout each day of our lives.

D for diligence

E for effort

T for tenacity

E for that extra smile

R for reliability

M for meticulousness

I for idealism

N for nobility of character

A for abilities (We all have them!)

T for teachability

I for improvement (Daily)

O for opportunities

N for neighbourliness (and great charm)

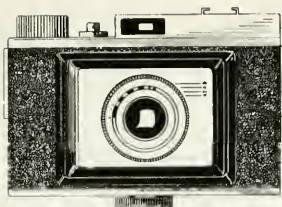
Grandmother spoke with wisdom! If we truly have the will we are sure to find the way.

Song sung at Norwich District Conference by quartette consisting of Olga Duffin, Patricia Neal, Pamela Johnson, Elsie Martin with the composer of the words, Sister Marion Warren at the piano.

Words were written to the song "We are Sowing".

*We are teaching, ever teaching,
Taking messages of love
To our sisters who are listed
In the records kept above.
Prayerful hearts are so essential
When we start this work to do,
But they must be full of love and
Full of understanding, too.*

*Messages of peace and comfort,
Joy and inspiration, too,
It's a privilege to take them —
Such inspiring work to do.
Our example is our Saviour —
His commandment we fulfill,
So, with love that never faileth,
What we can do, Lord, we will.*



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'SNAP' Into 'STAR'

Photography Contest

★ In order to provide a further outlet for the talents of our members, the directors of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., have agreed to sponsor yet another competition in our present series, this time on photography

Rules for the competition are as follows:-

1. The contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one photograph may be submitted in each of the 3 divisions.
3. The photographs must be in black and white and printed on a glossy **not** matt surfaced photographic material suitable for reproduction in this magazine. Size Whole plate or Half plate.
4. The name, address, together with the name of the branch or ward of the contestant should be typed or written on a small label and stuck lightly on the reverse side of each photograph submitted. (Not written on the back of the entry).
5. Each entry should also have another small label affixed giving the title of the entry and where possible the photographic data e.g. film used, shutter speeds, exposure etc.
6. Every entry must of course be the competitors original work and is only accepted on the understanding that this is so, that the entry has never been published, and will not be offered for publication until after the results have been published in this magazine.
7. All entries must be received by November 30th. 1968, which is the closing date.
8. The judges will be appointed by the board of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., and the decision of the judges will be final.
9. One first place prize will be awarded in each of the three divisions together with special certificates of merit for first, second and third place winners.
10. The Millennial Star reserve the right to publish from time to time any of the photographs entered for this contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star and will not be returned.

Division 1: Land or seascapes

Division 2: Still life compositions.

Division 3: Dramatic effect.

Competition sizes: Whole Plate ($8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$) Half Plate ($6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{3}{4}''$)

★ Please protect your entry by putting it in an envelope reinforced with a piece of cardboard, and marking on the outside **PLEASE DO NOT BEND.**

20,000 Leaders Retold Role In Leading Youth



General executives of MIA, from left, Supt. G. Carlos Smith, Marvin J. Ashton, first assistant and George R. Hill, second assistant; Margaret R. Jackson, first counselor; Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen and Dorothy P. Holt, second counselor.

MIA Conference

Three Receive MIA Awards

★ Three special awards were presented during the MIA June Conference:

President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselor in the First Presidency, received a special plaque and certificate at the concluding session of the Boy Scout Department for over 50 years of faithful service to the boys of the Church. President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency made the presentation.

Honorary Master M-Man and Golden Gleaner awards were presented at the Master M-Men and Golden Gleaner banquet. Recipients were Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg who received the Honorary Master M-Man award from Alma A. Gardner, chairman of the M-Men Committee and Gen. Pres. Belle S. Spafford of the Relief Society. She received her pin and certificate from Leta C. Pugh, chairman of the Golden Gleaner Committee.

★ The new theme presented at the MIA June Conference to guide the auxiliary and its 600,000 young people through 1968-69 is taken from the Book of Mormon, 11 Nephi 10:23:

"Therefore, cheer up your hearts, and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves—to choose the way of everlasting death or the way of eternal life."



President N. Eldon Tanner, right, of First Presidency presents special trophy to President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselor in the First Presidency, for more than 50 years of faithful service to the boys of the Church.

First Presidency Counsel

MIA Officers, Teachers

★ Leaders of youth in the Mutual Improvement Association should not only consider their calling "a duty, but a priceless privilege, carrying with it tremendous responsibilities, and promising untold rewards."

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, addressing the closing general session of the MIA June Conference in the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle, advised that it is necessary for the leaders "to throw out the lifeline to the young people of the Church; but let us not lose hold of the lifeline ourselves, else it will not do them much good.

"Let us be an anchor to which they may cling. I hope that the Lord will bless us to go forward in this great work in such a manner as to inspire all whose lives we touch."

President Brown observed that evils cannot be eliminated, leaders can and must engage them in battle.

"We propose to continue in that battle, to uphold the standards of the Church wherever we may go."

Speaking in military language, he said, that with many MIA officers and members in uniform far away from home it is up to those still at home to keep in touch with them and to encourage them to remember who they are and act accordingly.

President Brown said the best officer in any army is one who inspects himself first and he then suggested.

"Let each of us do just that . . . Return to your homes with a song in your heart a prayer on your lips, with

a lantern in your hand and carry to them the inspiration of this great convention; help them to do what a number of the speakers have urged, help them to carry on; be sure that each contact you make with any of them will lift and inspire them to greater effort."

Bearing his witness to the divinity of the Master and the actuality of His interest in the Church, President Brown emphatically declared:

"He it is who is the leader of the Church, the head of the Church, and President David O. McKay, his special representative on earth, is the first to say, I am not the leader of the Church, I am the agent or servant of the leader who is Jesus the Christ."

President Brown urged leaders to make sure the young people of the Church who come into positions of leadership have proper direction from us, as we keep contact with the head of the Church through His prophet, to be able to provide that leadership which will inspire followship and fellowship."

He closed reminding that every man, every woman called to serve in any capacity in the Church is honoured by that call and it doesn't matter much what the call may be. "WHAT MATTERS IS HOW DO WE DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES."

PRESIDENT TANNER

★ While the 600,000 youth in the MIA are a minority group in the world of more than 3 million people, yet in these days of rioting, violence and disrespect,

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MIA youth leaders were greeted in a huge reception amid the gold and green flags of the auxiliary prior to opening of the annual conference on Temple Square.

these 600,000 young people are "a very important minority and you as their leaders are Very Important People."

You are the ones who can keep them interested, keep them active, teach them truth, help them develop their talents, and encourage them to be doers of good works."

Praising youth and leaders in the great MIA auxiliaries, President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, declared the Mutual Improvement Association to be the most outstanding youth organization because it was organised by a prophet of God and is directed today by a prophet of God for the youth of Zion.

He asked, "but what of those we are missing? All 600,000 are not being involved, not being influenced."

President Tanner made a plea, with the beginning of the new MIA year September 1, that each ward activate 10 of its inactive youth which would swell the active roll by some 45,000 young men and women.

He warned severely that because of the heritage of religious freedom enjoyed we must "maintain at all cost, the right choice, the right to worship God as we choose."

He told the leaders they cannot have a greater calling than to be privileged to work with our splendid young people who are some of the finest the world has ever known and as the principles of the Gospel are incorporated in the lives of the youth, the young people in the Church should be the finest in all the world.

"It is so important that we strive to understand the problems confronting them," President Tanner counseled, "that we show a spirit of love and understanding that we strive in every way to communicate with them and let them know that we truly love them and are anxious to assist them with solutions

to their problems.

"Our problem, then, is," he said, "to help them keep the testimonies they have gained . . . to help them understand they are the spirit children of God and that God lives and is interested in them and stands ready to answer their call."

President Tanner reminded that the programme of the Mutual is to keep the youth close to and active in the Church through the fields of athletics, speech, drama, dancing, roadshows, and other events. All of these programmes are but a means to a very important end—"the building of character and of faith in God. Never let any activity be an end in itself."

"Help those with whom we are working to realize that God, our Heavenly Father, actually is a living person, that He is interested in us and that He hears and answers our prayers."

President Tanner also had a word for those who doubt that God can hear and answer prayers. He said if men on earth can talk thousands of miles in space to the astronauts can anyone doubt that God, the Creator of the world, can communicate with His children if they will but keep in tune?"

He said there is nothing to be ashamed of in the Church . . . there is no controversy, no evil, no perplexity, that could not be solved by adherence to the teachings of Jesus Christ . . . nothing that cannot help to make us better and more useful citizens, better neighbours and loving parents."

President Tanner challenged leaders to deal with boys and girls as individuals who as sons and daughters of God have unlimited potential.

"Let us never underestimate the value of one of the least of these and may we never let them be disappointed in us."

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The Parent- Youth presentation in the Tabernacle centered on the communications gap.

PRESIDENT DYER

★ Citing statistics on the dropout situation among students and evil effects of liquor, pills and other drugs, President Alvin R. Dyer, counselor in the First Presidency, declared Mutual leaders must point the way for youth to go forward and meet the challenge to be ready to take the leadership positions as they come.

He noted that while there are many facets to the dropout problem there had been a 22 per cent decrease in the number in the 1965-66 period over the 1964-65 period.

President Dyer observed that "young people are becoming more capable scholastically at an earlier age, and that there is a great spiritual depth of the majority of our youth, of their missionary achievements, temple marriages, (which are on the up), and in many other ways we see the evidences of their spiritual behavior responding to the challenge of this last dispensation."

He also noted youth today supersede their parents in worthwhile endeavor and in spite of them often show the way even to parents.

The youth of Zion, because of revelation, "need not stand in the shadows, as to perceptions of the meaning and purpose of mortal existence. This we abundantly know of. But we also know," declared President Dyer, "that with this understanding of things we, and I refer particularly to our youth, have a great challenge involving responsibility."

He said the epochs of history in this crucial time in the world's history are on the march, but to us, if we are to be secure in our faith, we must recognize as we have done before, the nobility of our birth and place here in mortality and gird, as a chosen people, to meet the challenge that is before us.

"This is a personal challenge, and must be answered with personal, lofty endeavor. The challenge is before the youth of the Church today."

The leaders of youth must help them preserve the nobility of their places in this life, to avoid with all of their strength the carnal attitude of life, to noble concepts, striving always to rule the tendencies of the body that are sordid and will rob them of the sparkle and the virtue of life.

President Dyer said that with the present rate of growth in the Church 14,000 or more new leaders in the Church will be needed this year and since time moves on invariably these must come from the youth of the Church, none of them can afford to be wasted."

He closed saying the wonderful youth must be directed by noble leaders who point the way that the youth will meet the challenge and be ready to take their places in the leadership and the destiny of God's kingdom.

Road Shows, Plays Fine Entertainment

★ Fifteen outstanding roadshows and three new original one-act plays provided relaxation through originality, humor, drama and music for the thousands of MIA leaders and workers at the auxiliary's annual June Conference in Salt Lake City.

The roadshows featured themes from the adventures of Superman to a visit to a strange planet of weird creatures through originality and comedy. The acts came from wards in Utah, California and Missouri.

The one-act plays, to be published in

MIA Conference



One of three new plays, "The Reading of the Will" brings together relatives and employees of the late, wealthy Mr. Pennington, all hoping for an inheritance.

the MIA book of plays for use in the new year beginning Sept. 1 included:

"Reading of the Will," by Steve Nielsen, Magna, Utah, directed by Kim Burningham, Bountiful;

"The Busy Signal," written by Gerald

Pearson, Provo, Utah and directed by Nathan and Ruth Hale, Glendale, Calif.

"Martyr in Waiting," by Carol Lynn Pearson, Provo, Utah, directed by Mrs. Beverly Booth Rowland, Salt Lake City.

Seminary Coordinator Named For England

★ The Church has appointed a full-time Seminary coordinator for England, according to Dr. Harvey L. Taylor, administrator, Church Schools. The coordinator will initiate the Home Study Seminary Programme in stakes in England where stake presidents have requested the programmes.

The coordinator appointed is John M. Madsen who began teaching Seminary in Salt Lake City in 1963. Later

he served as associate director of the Moscow, Idaho Institute and coordinator of early-morning Seminaries in the Moscow area.

Bro. Madsen the past two years has been coordinator of student activities at the Salt Lake Institute of Religion. He holds a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and a master's degree from the BYU.

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Romford Ward Member Named Deseret Enterprises Manager

★ Norman Derrick Hawkes of the Romford Ward, London Stake, has been appointed the new general manager of the Deseret Enterprises Ltd., with offices at Mitcham, Surrey. Appointed by the board of directors, he succeeds Pres. Dougald C. McKeown recently appointed president of the London Temple.

An Elder in the priesthood, Bro. Hawkes filled a mission in the British Mission in World War II during which time he managed the Millennial Star and the book store. Presently he is Sunday School chorister and a teacher. Earlier he served in the Sunday School superintendency, as Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association superintendent, and district and branch clerk in the North London Branch and Ward. He was serving in the branch presidency when called on his mission.

He married Maureen Gorf, a convert, and they have one son, Timothy, six.

Bro. Hawkes taught himself to play the piano. He likes to work around the house doing odd jobs. He brings to his new position 30 years of experience in the export business which should be of inestimable value at Deseret Enterprises. He was shipping manager at his last firm. His knowledge of French, German and Spanish languages should also be of great value to him in his new assignment.

Contributions of his time and talent

to the community came four years as a Conservative party member of the Islington Borough Council and nearly four years as a member of the Library Committee co-opted.

His brother Stephen J. Hawkes was a professor at the BYU in Provo, Utah, last year and is now residing in Oregon. He has one other brother and a sister. His mother, the late Maud A. Hawkes, was a member of the Relief Society board.

A student of the Book of Mormon he particularly receives much encouragement from Alma's writings in the 37th Chapter, verses 35-37:

"O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.

"Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support, yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever.

"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord that he may watch over you in your sleep; when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."



Relief Society officers of the British Mission with Pres. and Sister Reed Callister, from left, Sister Callister, D. Bonnett, mission secretary; Sister Fagg, South Kent; Sister Breen, Essex; Pres. Callister; Sister Lee, Mission Relief Society president; Sister Seager, Ipswich; Sister Cobbett, North Kent

BRITISH MISSION

★ Some 188 Relief Society sisters and their husbands, of the British Mission, were honoured at a party held in the garden of the Mission home where a musical programme was presented and a buffet supper served.

The sisters were welcomed by the district presidents and the mission board officers.

The programme consisted of piano selections played by David G. Van Alstyne, missionary organist for Hyde Park Chapel, singing with bass, drum, piano and guitar accompaniment by "The Young Elders," the popular group of five missionaries who have recently performed many times throughout the mission with their "Swing into Spring"

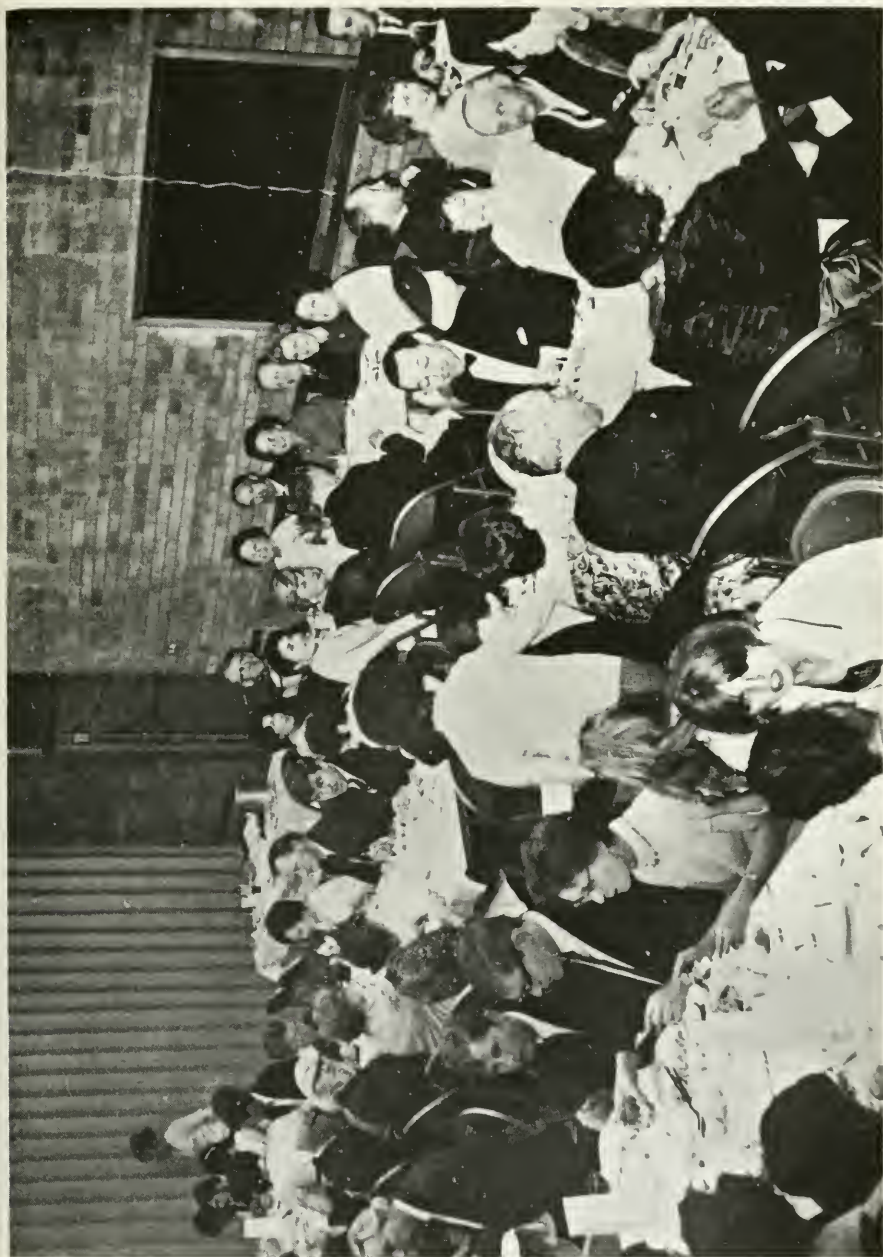
and "Swing into Summer," programmes. The Chelmsford choir under the direction of Douglas Watling entertained.

A buffet supper followed and later the group went to the chapel to hear the BYU A cappella choir perform.

Arrangements for the evening were under the direction of Vera M. Lee, president and Doris Bonnet, of the mission board.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ When Kingston-on-Thames M.I.A. Superintendency planned a dinner, it started in a small way just for the M.I.A. Then the branch members heard about it and so they had to plan on a larger scale. Before long the Crawley



Kingston-on-Thames Branch enjoy dinner-dance at Epsom Ward, London Stake.

District had been invited as well and then they really had a job on their hands. As they have no chapel of their own the first thing they did was to arrange to borrow the Epsom Ward Chapel.

The idea was that everthing would be done by the young people of the Branch and the advertising campaign said "All you have to do is come, eat and dance." As this was to be the first of a series of Dinners, it was to be a really good meal, so that people would want to come again. The menu eventually ran to a full five courses including Turkey and Green Salad, and on the night they served 145 meals. Planning was such that they made exactly the profit they wanted, almost nothing! However, what was not made in money was made in reputation, and people were signing up there and then for the next one in September. That is when they will start making money for their funds according to Geoff Freeman, the Supt. and John Hateley his assistant.

★ High Wycombe M.I.A. held a most successful Summer Camp on the 1st/2nd/3rd June at the Forestry Commission Camp in the New Forest some 8 miles South of Lyndhurst. 36 members spent 3 days under canvas, and they were blessed with fine weather which held until 2 hours after camp was struck. During the holiday a full testimony meeting was held in a glade in the heart of the forest, which proved a moving and spiritual experience for all concerned.

Another recent event which stimulated M.I.A. interest, was a Creative Art Exhibition, it was hotly contested in every division. The Premier Award was won by William Fildew, who was recently baptised into the Church with all his family, his pencil line drawings showed an enormous talent.

The High Wycombe Relief Society held a luncheon at the "Chop House" Beaconsfield, to mark the closing of the winter session. Fourteen sisters were able to attend as Sisters Harper and Rickers volunteered to look after the needs of their young children.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ It was a case of "Daddy's taking us to the Zoo TO-DAY" for most of the children of the Middlesbrough Sunday School on June 1st. "Daddy" being Colin Hardy, the Sunday School Supt. who had been responsible for most of the organisation behind the trip to Flamingo Park Zoo, Yorkshire. About 40 saints, including 16 children made the trip, and no one was lost, hurt or displeased, but almost everyone was sun-burnt.

The same Ward's "Book of Mormon" Sunday School class organised a sponsored hike recently to raise money for Byron Purvis, a missionary from the South Shields Ward serving in Finland. They walked sixteen miles and have so far collected £2 from their spouses. A film show held by David Johns for the same fund raised 30/-. and other money raising projects are being planned.

MIDDLESBROUGH CHAPEL DEDICATED

★ The custodian had taken a week off from his work, there were brooms, buckets, brushes and cloths in the most unlikely places; the cultural hall floor (which normally shone) gleamed like polished marble; it was forbidden to enter the rest of the gleaming rooms. From behind the locked doors of the chapel came the muted strains of an unfamiliar hymn; from the Relief Society room a sweet duet; every face wore a smile of anticipation. At last it was time for the long awaited dedication of



Middlesbrough Chapel, recently dedicated.



Elder Mark E. Petersen, right, with Sister Petersen and Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and Sister Oates outside Middlesbrough Chapel.

the Middlesbrough Chapel.

The dedicatory service was conducted by Bishop H. Marshall on Sunday May 17th; Joyce Storrow was the organist and Helen Marshall the Chorister. Speakers included Olive Burns, who represented her late father, George Burns, who had worked full-time on the chapel, and Delwyn Richardson representing the ward members and tradesmen who had devoted so many hours on the building. The choir sang a special dedicatory prayer which was composed by Marcel Horton for the dedication of her own chapel in the Beaver State, Utah. and Jean Griffiths and Barbara Appleby sang a duet "No man is an Island". Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve, then addressed the congregation, before offering the dedicatory prayer.

The Mormon Church has been known in Middlesbrough for well over fifty years. After meeting in various halls, many of them uncomfortable as well as unsuitable, the branch purchased an old house on Stockton Road, and this was used as a meeting house until the main room became too small to hold the

Sacrament meeting attendance and they moved once more into halls, using the house only for auxiliary meetings.

In December 1963, the ground was broken and the site dedicated for the new chapel by Stake President Frederick W. Oates, and construction began the following March. Two building supervisors have directed the work, Craig Watson, and Brother Despain, and several church builders have completed their missions on it. The chapel was finished early in March 1967.

A few weeks after it was opened Alex Stewart, one of the building missionaries who worked on the project, was married to Frances Henwood, a local member.

★ Sister Cheek of Newton Aycliffe Ward recently won a silver trophy for entering the best knitting in a competition organised by the Handicapped People's Association in the Durham Area. This makes Sister Cheek "The Champion", and the Relief Society are seeing to it that she gets plenty of practice so that she can defend her title next year.



Sister Cheek with her trophy naming her champion knitter.

Her son-in-law, Brother Cullen has also won trophies and cups with his prize Border Canaries. At Bishop Auckland show he won the highest awards possible—The best Border Canary, The Best Champion Border Canary and the Best Canary in the show. Two weeks later he entered the Willington Show

and won the same three top awards there. He is now busy looking after his baby canaries which he hopes will turn out to be future champions.

★ At last a building in Peterlee! The saints there are now quite sure that they are having their own chapel because they have actually started building. They have been so disappointed in the past that they had begun to think their building would never be started. However with the arrival of Building Supervisor Desmond Gorman, things really started happening fast. On April 6th a small ground breaking ceremony took place, and the following Monday they started to dig; by the end of June they have completed the roof structure and walls. The members intend to keep up the good work until it is finished.

IRISH MISSION

★ May and June have been especially busy months in the Irish Mission with many interesting activities going on.



Brother Cullen with his prize winning canaries.



Cast of "Let It Rain" presented by Belfast District youth.

The Priesthood members of the Belfast District celebrated the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood by holding a Father's and Son's Banquet on May 17th, followed by a full day's outing at Tullamore Forest Park on the 18th. The banquet was prepared and served by the Rosetta Branch Relief Society Sisters at Holywood Road Church. Buses were chartered for the excursion to Tullamore, and a really beautiful day added to the pleasure of

those participating. Both the events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

★ On May 31st the Musical Programme, "Let it Rain" was presented by the Youth of the Belfast District to start off the three day Youth Conference. The musical was enthusiastically received by a large and appreciative audience. At the close of the production a rousing "Hootenanny" was enjoyed. On the Saturday, sports began at 2 p.m. both



Mount Pottinger Branch, Girls netball winners at Irish Youth Conference.



Bangor Branch, Girls netball runner-up team in Irish Mission.

indoors and outdoor for two hours, and at 4 p.m. the consolation play-off of girl's netball was played. 5.30 p.m. found over 100 youngsters boarding chartered buses and vans for a trip to the beach, where games, and food had been organised. The bus-loads of singing youngsters pulled up to the Holywood Church at 8.30 p.m. to witness the championship game of netball between Mount Pottinger and Bangor. The Cultural hall was packed with interested spectators each cheering for their favourite team.

Priesthood members had a special Priesthood session on the Sunday morning to hear words of counsel from Elder Mark E. Petersen. A special Girl's Programme was held at noon at which Sister Petersen, Lucretia P. Ashcroft, wife of the Mission President, and Pat Bell, first counsellor of the M.I.A. gave counsel to the girls and mothers of the Irish Mission.

During the afternoon a regular session of Quarterly Conference was held and at 7.30 p.m. a Fireside and Testimony meeting concluded the three wonderful days of activity and learning.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ Dan Jared Coleman was born April 2nd 1968 at Harrogate Yorkshire. This joyful event has little significance unless you know that Dan is the 6th son and the tenth child of Avery and Barbara Coleman. The Coleman Family have been in England for two years on a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Harrogate during that time they have been active member of the Harrogate Branch. Brother Coleman has served in the Branch Presidency since Sept. 1966, and as Branch President from Sept. 1967 until April 1968. Sister Coleman was in the Relief Society Presidency and a Primary teacher. Their eldest



Bro. and Sister Dan Jared Coleman with their children, from left, back, Mark, Sister Coleman, Gary, Bro. Coleman, Linda; front, Laurie, Bruce, Ellen, Keith, Paul and Gail, with newest member shown below.

daughter Linda who is 15 years old was the Branch pianist, while Mark, 14, and Gary, 13, have faithfully attended their priesthood duties. The younger children have made a substantial contribution to the Primary and Sunday School by regular attendance.

The Colemans will return to Annapolis Ward, Washington Stake sometime in August, very pleased with their little "Bundle from Britain".



Dan Coleman, number ten of the Coleman family.

★ On May 7th, ex Branch President of Scarborough, Eddie Hedley, his wife Eva and their children: Leslie, Nicholas and baby David, adopted daughter Elizabeth together with Angela Fell, embarked on a sea voyage to Canada. The Hedleys are bound for Ottawa, and Angela to her uncle at Norwich, Ontario. There have been changes in the Branch Presidency at both Beverley and Harrogate Branches recently. Geoffrey Dunning is now Branch President at

Beverley, with David Fenwick as 1st counsellor. While Christopher Walker has been called to succeed Avery Coleman in the Harrogate Branch, Leslie Carr and Ronald Wine are his counsellors.



Hedley Family and Angela Fell prior to emigrating to Canada.

it can be repeated later in the summer.

★ 35 Members of East and West Hull Aaronic Priesthood celebrated the start of the Aaronic Priesthood Weekend on May 17th, with a banquet in the East Hull Chapel, followed by games organised by Bro. Dobson. The following day the District Aaronic held a rally at Scarborough; it was a fine day, and the party set off to climb Olivers' Mount. They scrambled up the grassy slopes and ate lunch at the top. After a game of football the party then transferred to the beach for more games and sunbathing, then back to the Chapel for tea prepared by the Scarborough ladies.

★ On May 21st Beverley Branch held their own Creative Arts Exhibition to decide who would represent them at the District Exhibition. Myra Kennington, who submitted a dress, was chosen for the sewing group while Joan Thistleton came first in the knitting section with a baby coat. A hobby horse won for Suzette Dunning the toy section, and another baby coat, crochet this time, brought success for Emma Harper.

★ The Liverpool Branch received a brief visit from an old friend in May, when Ronald Clements called in from Australia! He was a very young boy when he emigrated with his family some ten years ago. He has returned on a business trip, and made time to visit the new chapel and shake hands with everyone who remembered his family.

★ A group of 13 Priesthood from West Hull set off on Friday May 31st for a weekend camp on the moors near Whitby. It was a glorious weekend with sunshine nearly all the time. Bro. Spurr acted as camp cook in place of Bro. Dobson who was unfortunately in hospital. Saturday was spent in a hike to Robin Hood's Bay, taking a packed lunch. The tide was out so the boys had fun on the rocks and in the rock pools. They encountered some rather rough going in boggy land on the way back, all made it safely back to camp but they were very late for tea. On Sunday a Priesthood meeting was held and Paul Knott gave a lesson on "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy". A Sacrament Service took place in the evening with three of the campers giving talks. The camp was a great success and, it is hoped that

★ The Brethren of the Liverpool District decided to call an overnight Camp-out for fathers and sons as their means of commemorating the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. They went to the Middlewich Scout Camp and were inspired by the spontaneous testimonies around the camp fire. Afterwards they enjoyed supper which included potatoes baked in foil in the hot embers. The following day's programme included games and a hike and then picture shows.

★ Jean Gordon of the Accrington Branch is leaving her post of assistant in Accrington Library to become an au pair girl in Switzerland. She will leave shortly for Geneva, where there is a



Presidents Hoare, Watson, Edwards and Hender, Liverpool District, with members of the Aaronic Priesthood at the start of an overnight hike and camp.



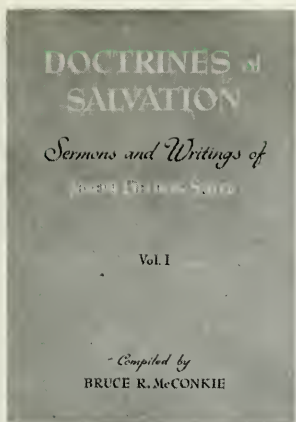
Jean Gordon, Accrington Branch.

small branch of approximately 100 active members. Jean is 19 years old and has been a member of the church for 7 months, but already she has held the position of 2nd counsellor in the YWMIA, and Sunday School Secretary.

★ Elders of the Preston District together with their wives and girl friends attended the Quorum Ball at Rawtenstall Chapel and danced to the music of the New Embassy Trio. An excellent



Tom Holden and Miss Pat Greenwood give a dancing exhibition at Preston Elders Quorum ball.



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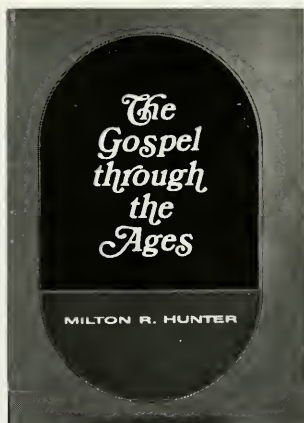
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buffet was provided by Lard's of Whitworth. During the interval they were entertained by an exhibition of modern and ballroom dancing by Mr. Tom Holden, a former European amateur champion, and his partner Pat Greenwood.

★ A second function organised by the Preston District Elders Quorum was of a more spiritual nature and was a trip to the Temple. 49 people made the journey and completed a total of 145 endowments, 140 baptisms and 2 sealings.

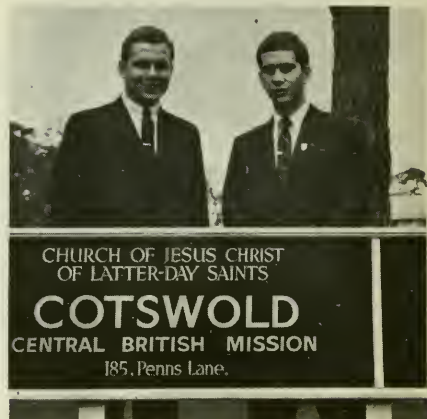
CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION HELLO, GOODBYE!

★ Brothers Michael and Darrell Knowles of Ogden, Utah, shared the unique experience of crossing paths in the mission field at Birmingham.

Elder Michael Knowles had completed his two years in the Central British Mission and was preparing to fly home on the day that his brother Darrell arrived in the same mission. They were together for a day and were able to renew their family love and exchange notes before Michael flew home and Darrell went out to preach the gospel.

Michael was not only instrumental in bringing many people into the Church, but also sang in the mission's vocal group the "New Mission-Aires". Darrell has been an active member of the Ogden 18th Ward and has long wanted to go on a mission. He, like his brother, has a keen interest in music and plays the trombone.

They are the sons of Mrs. Kenneth Knowles of 2823, Monroe Boulevard, Ogden, and have two older brothers who have served on missions, their sister Eleanor, is serving on the YWMIA General Board and is an associate editor for the Improvement Era.



Michael and Darrell Knowles say "Hello" and "Goodbye" at the Central British Mission home.

★ Necessity is the mother of invention, and two trees served as posts for the volley ball net when the Stourbridge M.I.A. met at the Mary Stevens Park for an Athletic evening. The sisters played the brethren and not surprisingly they lost, but they did manage to score a few goals in the game of football that followed.

President and Sister Cannon were the guest speakers at their fireside on June 2nd. Forty saints listened intently while President Cannon spoke on the Missionary programme and urged everyone to follow President McKay's exhortation that every member be a missionary. Sister Cannon then spoke on the Priesthood, and the blessings that the wives and family can share. After the meeting closed refreshments were served by the Stourbridge saints.

★ Because the normally held Midlands West District M.I.A. Camp was cancelled this year the Hereford M.I.A. held

a branch camp at Breinton Springs, a delightful spot on the banks of the River Wye. Organised by Audrey Prosser and Geoffrey Boucher several members availed themselves of the facilities and enjoyed a weekend of swimming and other sporting activities. President and Sister Dawe visited the camp on the Sunday evening to join the Sacrament meeting. Other very welcome visitors were Brother and Sister Rich, now stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army. Brother Rich served part of his mission in the Hereford area.

★ A gathering of over 80 family members welcomed Alice Green, who was

visiting Hereford for the first time since emigrating to Salt Lake, 64 years ago. With Sister Green were her son Walwyn, and his wife and daughter, who were making their first visit to England. At the family reunion, the Relief Society sisters assisted in the preparation of the refreshments and also looked after the welfare of the family members.

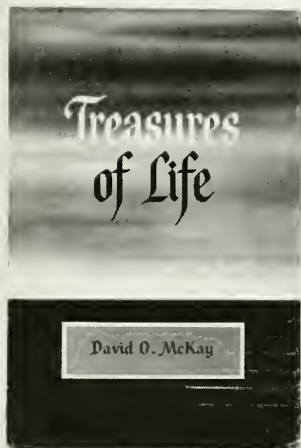
★ Over the Whitsun holiday period another former missionary Elder Ackerman called into the Hereford branch to introduce his bride to the people he had known on his mission. They were on a three weeks honeymoon tour of the British Isles, after being married at the



Elder Petersen addressing congregation at Leicester Stake Centre dedication.



Interior scene at dedication of the Leicester Stake Centre when more than 500 persons were present.



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London Temple on June 1st.

★ The first Gold and Green Ball at the new Worcester Chapel was an outstanding success. Dancing was to the music of the Terry Phillips Four, who satisfied young and old with their wide repertoire. Dave Passey was a very versatile M.C. and his repartee with the band was an entertainment in itself. Cabaret was provided by the "Trio"—Mary, Lorraine and Vivienne. Refreshments were in the capable hands of Sister Hale sr. who was ably assisted by sisters from Stourbridge and Hereford.

★ On Sunday June 23rd, preparatory to emigrating to the United States, Anthony Gordon Dawe was released from the calling of the Hereford Branch President, a position which he has held for almost 4 years. He is going to the Brigham Young University as a student; his wife Elizabeth and their two children will accompany him.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ On May 23rd, Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve, was in Leicester to dedicate the Stake Centre there. His address and dedicatory prayer were the climax to a fine programme conducted by Stake President K. J. Poole, which included talks from the Stake Presidency, Fredrick Curtis, representing the Church Building Committee, President George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, and James Martin who spoke on behalf of all the building missionaries who worked on the chapel.

Over 500 members and friends attended, and the press were represented. Jean Taverner gave a solo rendering of "Bless this House", and the Leicester Ward Choir with Stephen Dean as solo-

ist, sang the well loved hymn. "Before thee Lord".

The dedication was preceded by an informal meeting of nearly 90 Aaronic Priesthood Adult members and their wives with Elder and Sister Petersen, both of whom spoke. The meeting was arranged and conducted by President James F. Rankin 2nd counsellor in the Stake Presidency.

LONDON STAKE

★ Mr John Harrison of Sadlers Wells was one of the instructors at the Stake M.I.A. Roadshow workshop. He showed how many wards fail to make full use of the equipment and facilities in the new chaples. Other instructors included Georgina Smith and Pauline Doggett who demonstrated the right and wrong way to apply stage make-up. Miss Ursula Nicholl, a professional instructor spoke on drama as a creative art, and Sister Gladys Noyce gave hints for planning, writing and producing a roadshow. The workshop was organised by the Stake Drama Director, James Corless, and 31 M.I.A. leaders were able to attend.

The 7th Annual Stake Dance Festival was held on May 25th at the Hyde Park Chapel. Mr. Dennis Hart-Wilson, a professional dance instructor, once again acted as judge, as he has every year since the festival began. He has also given freely of his time to instruct members of the stake in dancing.

Competitions were held in waltz, quickstep, jive and cha-cha-cha, and certificates were presented to the couples rated Excellent in these dances. Five Wards performed group dances, which included two excellent ballroom formation dances, a brilliantly costumed Serbian dance and two other folk dances. Approx 100 people took part in the festival, which was organised by Fawn



London Stake MIA leaders gathered at South London Chapel for a Leadership Weekend.

Bartholomew, Activity counsellor in the Stake Y.W.M.I.A.

★ A third Stake Leadership weekend was held on June 14/15th at the South London Chapel, where the ward members acted as hosts and the Relief Society provided excellent meals under the direction of their President, Patricia Watson.

The emphasis of the weekend was on the Sports and Camping programme, and training was given in minor games, volleyball, basketball, football, keepfit and Campcraft. Other subjects were included, folk dancing on the Friday night, leadership improvement and impromptu drama on the Saturday evening.

On Sunday the young ladies enjoyed their own special meeting while the brethren were in Priesthood. Fawn Batholomew, organised and conducted this meeting and the speakers were Janet Hardaker of Croydon, Candy Costello of North London and special guest Margaret Hamstead, wife of the stake president. After Sunday School a testimony meeting was held and many fervent testimonies borne. An M.I.A. discussion took place in the afternoon and the weekend concluded with a special Sacrament meeting under the direction of the South London Ward Bishopric. During this meeting a Golden Gleaner award was presented to Jacqueline Hartley-Davies who has recently returned from serving in the Canadian Mission.

Members of the Stake M.I.A. Board provided all the instruction, except for sports, this was given by David Cook of North London Ward, who is a school sports instructor.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A Relief Society Social was held in the Bolton Branch on May 28th, it began with a meal for the sisters and later in the evening they were joined by the brethren. The work of past Relief Society presidents was recognised by presenting them with small gifts, Sister V. Smith received a miniature oil painting and Sister G. Sumner, a piece of Wedgewood pottery. During the remainder of the evening they played games and heard some interesting tape recordings of children, then watched some slides of Relief Society conference in Salt Lake which were shown by Bro. V. Harrison.

★ On May 30th the Relief Society of the Carlisle Branch arranged an outing to Langholm in Scotland. They had a conducted tour of the "Glenesh" Mill of Reid Taylor, and saw the yarn in all its different stages being woven into lovely cloth; it was a most interesting experience. Afterwards they had high tea at Bro. Welsh's parents cafe in Langholm.

Temple Schedule

AUGUST

- 3—Br. South, N. British
- 10—Closed
- 17—Closed
- 24—Closed
- 31—Sunderland, London, British, Leicester

SEPTEMBER

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It was the design of the councils of heaven before the world was, that the principles and laws of the priesthood should be predicated upon the gathering of the people in every age of the world. Jesus did everything to gather the people, and they would not be gathered, and He therefore poured out curses upon them. Ordinances instituted in the heavens before the foundation of the world, in the priesthood, for the salvation of men, are not to be altered or changed. All must be saved on the same principles.

—Joseph Smith



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Always happy, gracious President David O. McKay and Sister McKay.

President McKay's Birthday

British Saints, and "Millennial Star" Send Birthday Greetings

★ President David O. McKay on September 8th marked his 95th birthday anniversary.

The Millennial Star staff joins with all members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain in expressing sincerest birthday greetings to the Prophet.

The Star desires to reprint the pertinent sublime testimony President McKay expressed at the 138th annual General Conference last April in Salt Lake City.

"I know that Jesus lives . . . I know because I have heard His voice, and I

have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His Kingdom here on earth. I know that His Father, our Creator, lives. I know that They appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith."

Even so we know for a surety that President McKay is the Lord's Prophet, Seer, and Revelator here upon the earth today . . . for we have stood in his presence . . . felt of his spirit, his personal testimony so that his spirit mingled with ours and bore such a record. One cannot deny such a truth.

Again we wish him God's richest blessings as he faces his 96th year.

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London Temple Enters Second Decade of Service

★ The year 1968 will be marked by two special occasions in the history of the Church in the British Isles.

September 1 will mark the tenth anniversary, first full decade since the London Temple was dedicated by President David O. McKay, September 1, 1958.

Secondly, in May 1968 the First Presidency appointed a member of the Church from the British Isles as the new president of the London Temple, Pres. Dougald C. McKeown, formerly second counselor in the London Stake presidency. Sister Grace Nash McKeown

is the temple matron. They succeed Pres. LeRoy J. Buckmiller and Sister Buckmiller who have returned to their Salt Lake City home.

These dates and events of 1968 will long be linked with the growth of the Church in Great Britain.

Significantly as the London Temple enters its second decade, there is a marked increase in temple work.

This was the comment recently when President Clifton G. Kerr, of Utah formerly president of the British Mission at the time the site purchase was under way, and Sis. Kerr visited the



With President David O. McKay at dedication of the London Temple in 1958 were, from left, Pres. Selvoy J. Boyer, President McKay, President Joseph Fielding Smith, Edward O. Anderson, Church architect and Pres. A. Hamer Reiser.

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London Temple. He was amazed at the increased devotion to temple work in recent years.

It is also significant to assess the the great distances members travel to take advantage of the temple. In recent weeks numerous visitors have been counted from South Africa, Sweden, Norway and Holland (large groups from the latter three countries) with many people spending their holiday or part of that period in going to the temple. This is one of the truest measurements of the effect of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, when something is done for someone else unselfishly.

Pres. McKeown became the fourth man to preside over the temple. The first president of the temple was Pres. Selvoy J. Boyer, followed by Pres. G. Eugene England and Pres. Buckmiller.

The McKeowns, of the North London Ward, are both converts to the Church, with years of valiant service in various categories. They have two sons and a daughter.

Counselors to Pres. McKeown are, Pres. Albert W. Parsons and Pres. George B. Everton.

President McKay on 10 August 1953 dedicated the beautiful 32 acre site of Newchapel Hall and Farm near Lingfield, Surrey, for the London Temple. He turned the first shovelful of earth on the temple site 17 days later while the world-famous Tabernacle Choir, then on its European tour, provided the special music.

President McKay at the time of the London Temple dedication said the new religious edifice heralded in a "new era" in the Church in Great Britain. This has been evident by the upsurge of baptisms through the great missionary proselyting programme, and the increased number and size of sessions at the temple.

Cornerstone of the religious edifice was laid by Elder Richard L. Evans, of the Council of the Twelve, 11 May 1957. Completed a little more than a year later, the temple was opened to

Neat piles of bricks as they were made ready for Visitors Centre improvements at London Temple site this summer.



public inspection until the dedication by President McKay on 1 September 1958. Since that time only faithful members of the Church with the proper recommendation, as is the case in all LDS temples, have been admitted, to carry on the sacred ordinance work within its walls.

The London Temple, of modern-contemporary design, stands 160 feet high to the top of its spire in the beautiful rolling hills of Englands countryside about 26 miles south of London. It is made of reinforced concrete, structural steel and faced with white Portland stone with the roof covered with sheet copper and the spire sheathed in lead-coated copper.

The Manor House, a baronial mansion, dating back to Elizabethan times, still standing on the Temple site, serves as home for the temple president. It features flagged floors, hand-hewn oak beam and wrought-iron fixtures of that era.

The Bureau of Information constructed at the time the temple was finished was razed earlier this spring to make

way for an enlarged Bureau which will soon be completed (pictures of its construction also appear in this issue.)

The Temple site history can be traced back to early Christianity. An ancient Roman highway, built in the first century of the Christian era, bisected the property, this is now known as the A-22.

Also of interest is the fact that the Church is preparing to build two new temples in Utah, with plans nearing the final stage. These would be erected at Ogden and Provo, Utah. The Ogden temple will be erected on historic Tabernacle Square in downtown Ogden, 36 miles north of Salt Lake City.

The Provo temple 40 miles south of Salt Lake City will be built on the northeast bench of that city and overlook Provo and the impressive Brigham Young University campus.

Design for the Ogden temple includes the old pioneer tabernacle, presently being used as a genealogical library. A decorative wrought iron fence will enclose the entire historic Tabernacle Square.



Old Bureau of Information as it was being razed earlier this summer to make way for a new larger building.

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The Provo Temple site will be contoured, landscaped and also enclosed by a wrought iron fence. Both sites will feature spacious parking facilities.

Plans at both sites also include future Visitors' Centers.

These two new temples will bring to six the number in Utah, the others being located at Salt Lake City, Logan, Manti and St. George. The new temples will also ease the large sessions now being conducted at these temples, they will also bring to 15 the total tem-

ples in use by the Church. They include Laie, Oahu, Hawaii; Cardston, Alberta, Canada; Mesa, Arizona; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Berne, Switzerland; Los Angeles, California; Hamilton, New Zealand and Oakland, California.

Two earlier temples no longer in use were the first, built in Kirtland, Ohio, in 1836, still standing, but no longer used for sacred temple work and the Nauvoo, Illinois temple destroyed by fire after the Mormons were driven west from that city.



Readying tent for raising near London Temple are missionaries of the British South Mission.

Tent used this summer by missionaries to greet visitors at the London Temple, while the new visitors Centre was being completed.



British, American Couples Give Unselfish Service In London Temple Work

★ It takes more than just a temple president to run a Temple. In the case of the London Temple there are at least seven American couples, called on missions and assigned to the Temple. The Temple is located within the boundaries of the British South Mission.

In addition to the missionary couples called from America there are a number of local couples called for specified assignments, as, gardeners, carpenter, electrician, engineer, cleaning, and office staff, plus a group who spend each Saturday helping with ordinance work at the temple.

Each of these brothers and sisters is a devoted, tireless worker, desirous only of serving not only his Heavenly Father but his fellow man.

The Millennial Star has interviewed most, if not all of the couples assigned regularly from America and the British Isles to help other members become better acquainted with these fine workers in the Temple.

Local couples who serve faithfully each Saturday in the London Temple as ordinance workers are Bro. and Sis. James P. Hill, Bro. Herbert (Harry) Tassell, Bro. and Sis. George B. Everton, Bro. and Sis. Leonard Eden, Bro. and Sis. George V. Mossdell, Pauline Doggett, Bro. Donald McKenzie, Pres. and Sis. George B. Wagstaff and Sis. Liza Tanner.

PARSONS

★ A series of incidents that brought about changes in his employment and the subsequent movement of his family from the north to the south of England

has led Bro. Albert W. Parsons, recorder at the London Temple, to believe that the Lord intended him to be near the temple.



Bro. and Sis. Albert W. Parsons

Bro. Parsons was born in Leicester, but spent his early years in London and at the time of his marriage called Essex his home. After they were married the couple moved to Yorkshire. It was here that he joined the Church and experienced growth in the Church serving as president of Leeds Branch..

In the nearly three years he has been temple recorder he has served under Temple Presidents G. Eugene England, LeRoy J. Buckmiller and now Pres. Dougald McKeown. Bro. Parsons was also counselor to the former temple presidents.

Some five years ago when he was in Leeds Stake, the stake president asked Bro. Parsons if he would like to go to Salt Lake City to the general conference. However, his employer refused to

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allow him the time because it was beyond the approved holiday period. Bro. Parsons, an accountant, felt he should leave the firm and seek employment nearer the temple. Subsequently he saw an advertisement in a newspaper for a vacancy in the south. When he attended an interview he was told that the advertisement had been placed only for a restricted southern area and someone had mistakenly permitted it to appear in the northern editions.

As a result Bro. Parsons moved his family south to Tunbridge Wells only 20 miles from the Temple and the temple president soon got to know him and asked for his help in the temple. As a further coincidence his eldest daughter was able to find suitable employment, with a Latter-day Saint employer after another woman had changed her mind about the position.

And within a short period Bro. Parsons was enroute to Salt Lake City for his interview with the First Presidency for his important assignment in the temple.

He married Edith Evelyn Haylock of Buglass. He was born at Chester-le-Street Durham. They have five children the eldest daughter is now married, a son turns 19 in September, and there are two sons, 12 and 6 and a daughter, 14.

Bro. Parsons was serving as a branch president in Barnsley when called to serve a local mission. He was later Kent District Mission president curiously, the present branch president is the father of the only family he brought into the Church. Both he and Sister Parsons were local missionaries in Barnsley. They now live in Crawley Branch where he is Sunday School superintendent and she is first counselor in the Relief Society presidency.

Bro. Parsons spent four and a half

years in the British Army coming out as a sergeant. He is an industrial accountant by profession.



Bro. and Sis. Jot O. Condie

CONDIE

★ Released as ordinance workers after five years service in the Salt Lake Temple, Jot. O. and Lucille S. Condie, have now completed a two-year mission to the London Temple.

Their Church service includes years of leadership in the various auxiliaries including three stake missions and advisor to the Aaronic Priesthood in Hillside Stake for Bro. Condie. He and Sis. Condie also served in the MIA both stake and ward.

Sis. Condie was stake Relief Society president for 14 years, and ward and stake Primary leader in both Bonneville and Hillside Stakes. She said she couldn't remember when she was not busy in some Church activity.

The Condies received the Honorary Master M Man and Golden Gleaner Awards for service to youth, prior to their London Temple mission call.

Both were born under the covenant to stalwart LDS parents. Their grandparents were pioneers of great courage,

all having served the Church well. Her grandfather was the boy who had his hip shot out at the Haughn Mill massacre in early Church history.

The Condies owned and operated the successful Condie Ice Cream Co., in Salt Lake City. They have a son and daughter, both married, and have several grandchildren.



Bro. and Sis. Rulon James Steed

STEED

★ Representing the Logan Twenty-first Ward, Cache Stake, Logan, Utah, are Rulon James and Genevieve Stewart Steed. They arrived in the British South Mission and were assigned to the London Temple 22 August 1967.

They are the parents of two sons and three daughters with one of the sons currently serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam.

Bro. Steed has served as a counselor in the bishopric, superintendent of the ward Sunday School and the stake YMMIA, as Ensign leader in the stake; and twice as a missionary, once to Eastern Canada and later on a stake mission. He was an officiator in the Logan Temple for four and a half years prior to being called to England.

Sis. Steed has been a counselor in

the ward YWMIA and stake Laurel leader; a teacher in all of the auxiliaries; Relief Society and Primary president; and also as an officiator in the Logan Temple prior to coming to the London Temple.

CAHOON

★ Married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1926, Newel S. and Hortense Terry Cahoon lived until 1933 in Millard County where Bro. Cahoon was chief deputy county treasurer. In 1933 they moved to Logan, Utah and purchased the City Grocery Store which they were still operating when called last August to serve a mission in the London Temple. They have a son and daughter, both married.

Born in Deseret, Utah, Bro. Cahoon attended Millard Academy and the BYU prior to filling a mission to the Northern States.

He served ten years as bishop of the Logan Fourth Ward, Cache Stake and was a high councilman at the time of his call to the London Temple.

Sis. Cahoon was born in Rockville, Utah and attended Millard Academy and the BYU. Called as an officiator in the Logan Temple in 1946 she was still serving in that position when called to the London Temple mission. In 1959 she was called on a three month good-will tour of the West Central States Mission.



Bro. and Sis. Newel S. Cahoon

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Bro. and Sis. Benjamin Norris

NORRIS

★ Benjamin and Bertha Moyes Norris of Green River, Wyo., have deep roots in Great Britain. His father was born in Northampton and his mother in Glasgow, Scotland. The parents of Sis. Norris crossed the plains as did the father of Bro. Norris in 1866. Bro. Norris reports his father was baptised in "ice water" which was "not really cold because of the spirit of the occasion."

Bro. and Sis. Norris laboured as proselyting missionaries in Colchester for eight months before receiving their call on 1 May 1967 to labour in the London Temple, and had enjoyed that assignment to fellowship members into the Church.

The parents of three children they also have 13 grandchildren. Bro. Norris has been a railroad man and served with the U.S. Army in World War I. He was a ward teacher for 41 years, spent seven years in the Sunday School superintendency, and has served three terms as a stake missionary.

Forty-three years in the Relief Society serving in the presidency, and all other posts of the ward and stake is the record of Sis. Norris. She has also served on the YWMIA stake board and in the Primary Association, plus a stake mission.

CARTER

★ Nearly ten years service as set apart temple workers is the experience Raymond Crawley and Leah A. Gibson Carter brought to the London Temple when they were assigned to it last April as they arrived to fill their mission in the British South Mission.

They represent the McKinley Ward, Temple View Stake in Salt Lake City where they left three married daughters and 13 grandchildren.

Bro. Carter has served as ward clerk, Genealogical Committee chairman, president in the 137th Quorum of Seventies, counselor in the Elders Quorum, superintendent and assistant superintendent of YMMIA, assistant Sunday School superintendent, and Scoutmaster.

Sis. Carter served as Genealogical Committee secretary and class leader; Primary teacher, secretary and counselor; Sunday School secretary and teacher; YWMIA president, counselor and teacher, and Relief Society secretary and treasurer. She has also fulfilled missions in the Eastern States in 1949-50, and East Phoenix Stake Mission 1956-58.



Bro. and Sis. Raymond C. Carter



Bro. and Sis. Richard P. Harris

HARRIS

★ Bro. and Sis. Richard P. Harris, assigned to the London Temple since November, 1966, have each filled a mission to the Northwestern States and are graduates of the BYU.

Married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1932, they have four sons and daughters, all married and nine grandchildren.

Bro. Harris was born in the mining town of Mammoth, Utah, a grandson of Utah pioneers. When very young his father moved to the Mexican border to engage in railroad construction. The family lived at various locations in the southwest for 14 years before moving to Provo Utah.

Prior to his graduation from the BYU Bro. Harris attended schools in Texas, New Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico and the University of Utah.

His Church activities have included Sunday School teacher, Scoutmaster, Genealogical Committee and Old Folks Committee chairman, president, 34th Quorum of Seventies, High Priests group secretary and instructor.

Bro. Harris retired in 1965 from the Provo City municipal power plant. During his earlier years he worked as a

mule driver, tractor and lorry driver and hard rock miner on building, railroad and highway construction.

Mary Anna Jensen Harris was born in Orem (formerly the Provo Bench), Utah. Her parents were converts from Denmark and operated a farm on the Provo Bench, where a large percentage of Utah's fine fruits are grown. Sis. Harris taught school in Monticello, Utah and also at Provo.

She too has been a Sunday School teacher, and chorister; Utah Stake Primary and ward Primary president and member of her ward Relief Society and YWMIA presidencies.

Bro. Harris enjoys his hobby of photography. He took most of the pictures for this special section on the temple.



GUYMON

★ Powell, Wyoming, USA is the home address of Lafayette Carlos and Mary Winnetta Jackson Guymon who were assigned to the London Temple in March 1967.

Bro. Guymon, born in Mancos, Colorado, has been an electrical contractor and engineer. He has taught in Sunday School, been a Boy Scout Committee man for many years, and was also secretary-treasurer of the High Priests Quorum.

Sis. Guymon was born in Fountain Green, Utah. She has served as a teacher in all of the Church auxiliaries, as work director and visiting teacher in the Relief Society and as Primary secretary.

The Guymons, who were married in the Manti Temple (Utah), have five sons and one daughter.

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Bro. and Sis. Lafayette C. Guymon

LAWTHER

★ Bro. William B. Lawther was in government service six years ago when Pres. Boyer called him to work at the Temple. He is in charge of the very busy laundry which provides full time employment for three people.

He was branch president in Redhill and is now Crawley District clerk.

Sis. Lawther, formerly Esther McIsaac,



Bro. William B. Lawther and Sis. Victor L. Palmer

is Relief Society District secretary.

The Lawthers have a married daughter, Esther Schowoeble, living in San Francisco, Calif., USA; a son William and a daughter, Agnes living at home.

GILLETT

Bro. John R. H. Gillett, is a gardner at the temple, he and Bro. Baldock, head gardner, previously laboured together as stake missionaries, now they are working on the gardens surrounding the London Temple. In their missionary labours they were successful in bringing nine souls into the Church. One of the women they brought into the Church is now a counselor in her Relief Society in Canada, this success alone has brought great joy to these two brethren.

PALMER

★ Sis. Adelaide (Sally) Palmer, an ordinance worker in the Temple, also helps in the laundry. She has been working in the Temple since it was dedicated and for eight and a half years has helped in the nursery each Saturday. "This has been a wonderful experience" she said.

Her love for children is disclosed in the fact that she has 18 years service with the Primary where she has taught, been an officer and presently serves on the board of the British South Mission. She has also taught in the Junior Sunday School.

Bro. Victor L. Palmer, whom she was married to in 1938, also loves young people and has been group Scoutmaster and Aaronic Priesthood leader in the branch and is senior district counselor.

The Palmers have a son, David, who is in the Royal Air Force, Ruth who is married and has two children, of her own and Margaret, now living in Canada.



Bro. and Sis. James S. Hart

HART

★ Phyllis Hart was born in North London. Her grandmother, mother and three sisters all attended meetings and she well remembers when some of the meetings were held in their home. Some of her first memories

were of her grandmother telling the story of Joseph Smith and of how she came to be baptised.

Sister Hart was called to work at the London Temple quite unexpectedly by President Boyer and accepted with joy. It was not until afterward that she realised that he had not told her what her job would be. When she arrived at the Temple she discovered that she was to work in the Laundry and loved every minute of it. She later helped to clean the Temple and for the last three years has been secretary to the Temple Presidency. She is a fully set-apart Temple ordinance worker.

Bro. James S. Hart became a member of the Church 10 years ago and is now President of the Crawley District of the British South Mission. They have two children—Jamie, who is eighteen and a student and Linda, who, with her husband, is at present living in Germany. They both know that the unity in their family is directly due to the influence of the Gospel in their lives.



Members who serve faithfully at the London Temple each Saturday are, from left, front, Sis. Liza Tanner, Sis. George B. Wagstaff, Bro. and Sis. George B. Everton; center row, Bro. and Sis. George V. Mossdell, Sis James P. Hill and Pauline Doggett; back, Herbert (Harry) Tassell, Sis. Leonard Eden, Pres. George B. Wagstaff, James P. Hill and Donald McKenzie.

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Bro. and Sis. William E. Baldock

BALDOCK

★ Much of the beautiful grounds surrounding the London Temple can be credited to the devotion of Bro. William E. Baldock, head gardener, and his aides, for he has been tending the beautiful grounds for the nine and a half years that the Temple has been open.

Both he and Sis. Phyllis Baldock are temple workers. She also works in the Manor House. They joined the Church 11 years ago in September, after listening to the story of the missionaries and are certainly "glad" they did.

Married for 21 years, they have a daughter, Jennifer, and two sons, John and Stephen.

Bro. Baldock is Crawley District Mission president. Previously he served a stake mission, as counselor in the branch presidency as MIA superintendent, and Sunday School assistant superintendent.

Sis. Baldock is a Relief Society visiting teacher and a Sunday School teacher.

Bro. Baldock is rightly proud of the fact that all of their beautiful flowers are raised from seed in the greenhouse in the temple grounds.

BEATTIE

★ As a boy Earnest Beattie often passed the Mormon Church and one day decided to go in. As a result he eventually became a member and is the engineer at the Temple and he and Sis. Vera Beattie are ordinance workers in the sacred house. They get "spiritual uplift" from doing Church work and particularly in Temple work.

Married for 22 years, the Beatties have two sons, John studying at Newcastle University and Roger attending East Grimstead Grammar School.

Sis. Beattie is first counselor in the Relief Society District presidency. Previously she served as Leeds Stake Relief Society president, as a Social Science teacher, organist, ward organist, and Sunday School teacher. She was born in Woodhouse, Sheffield, into the Church, her grandparents having joined the Church in 1908.

Bro. Beattie was born in Liverpool, he served with the RAF and is an electrician. He is a district councilman and was a high councilman of Leeds Stake, he has served on the mission board and in nine branch presidencies. Bro. Beattie is the Temple engineer and Sister Beattie a cleaner and office worker. They have been working at the Temple for the past two years.



Bro. and Sis. Earnest Beattie

BRIDGER

★ The beautiful night scene of the London Temple was to a degree instrumental in bringing Bro. and Sis. Victor V. Bridger into the Church six years ago. Today Bro. Bridger is the carpenter at the Temple and Sis. Bridger works in the laundry.



Bro. and Sis. Victor V. Bridger

They were travelling in the area one night when they lost their way and came upon the Temple. The impression they got from the first view of it never left them. Only a few days later Mormon missionaries called at their home and they asked the Elders about that beautiful building. A short time later they joined the Church and now are happy in their work here and assist each Saturday with the temple sessions.

Bro. Bridger has been president of the Leigh Park Branch. The couple now live in Crawley Branch where he is Elders Quorum president and a counselor in the branch presidency. She is first counselor and a visiting teacher in her Relief Society and previously was YWMIA president.

He "fell straight into genealogy" and

has taught it and was an advisor for the district in this area of the Church programmes.

Bro. Bridger served as a sergent with the British Army in World War II, and married Elizabeth Betty in 1944. They have two children, one daughter who is married also has one child.

EARTHROWL

★ Another couple brought into the Church through the missionary programme was Bro. and Sis. Peter R. Earthrowl of Chatham, Kent, who joined together three years ago.

Bro. Earthrowl joined the gardening staff earlier this spring. He is genealogical advisor and is responsible for temple work and Home Teaching in North Kent district where he is a district councilman. He had been a salesman until Pres Buckmiller, recently released as temple president, asked Bro. Earthrowl to work at the Temple.

Sis. Earthrowl was secretary of her Relief Society and a Primary teacher.



Bro. Peter R. Earthrowl

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Bro. and Sis. Colin J. Summersell

SUMMERSELL

★ Youngest couple working at the London Temple, both in age and length of service at the Temple, are the Summersell's. Bro. Colin J. Summersell is the Chef and joined the temple staff only this spring. The Summersells have been married 20 months and have one son, Marc.

Bro. Summersell who served his apprenticeship at a large restaurant and banquet hall said, "preparing meals at the Temple is different, the work is more rewarding here."

He was baptised in 1950 but Sister Summersell has always been a member. They live in East Grimstead and attend the Crawley Branch where he is an assistant superintendent and she a counselor in the MIA. He previously served in the district MIA superintendency.

Bro. Summersell lived next door to the Bournemouth branch where he was invited to attend Primary and a few weeks later the whole family was baptised.

Sis. Summersell also served as a district missionary. She has a married sister living in Midvale, Utah.

CASBON

★ Bro. and Sis. A. Casbon were called to be temple workers in December 1967. They are employed as managers of

"Edenbrook" which is located a short distance North of the Temple on the A22, where many of the Saints who visit the Temple stay overnight. Bro. and Sis. Casbon have been members of the Church for 13 years, have two sons Anthony 16 years and Neil 13 years, both of whom hold the Priesthood. They have led an active church life, Sis. Casbon has served in Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society.

Bro. Casbon who has served in Sunday School and MIA, was a member of the bishopric in Sheffield Ward and branch president of the Cleethorpes Branch.

They both feel privileged to be able to serve in the house of the Lord.



Bro. and Sis. A. Casbon



*London Temple,
Newchapel,
Nr. Lingfield.
Surrey.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the tenth anniversary of the London Temple we would like to send greeting on behalf of the Temple staff to our Friends in Great Britain and all over the world. It hardly seems ten years ago that many of us sat in the different rooms of the Temple and listened to the wonderful dedicatory prayer offered by Pres: David O. McKay. At last a Temple was accepted by the Lord in this our homeland and the doors were open for this great work to begin.

The London Temple stands on a beautiful site landscaped by its industrious gardeners who take great pride in their work. Many visitors come even if it is only to be in the shadow of its walls and to feel its sanctity. Others are permitted to receive the full joy and enter its doors to give unselfishly.

The Temple has been built in this land as an edifice to God and is truly a house of the Lord. All who desire to partake of its ordinances need to prepare themselves with humility and testimony and live the principles of the Master himself.

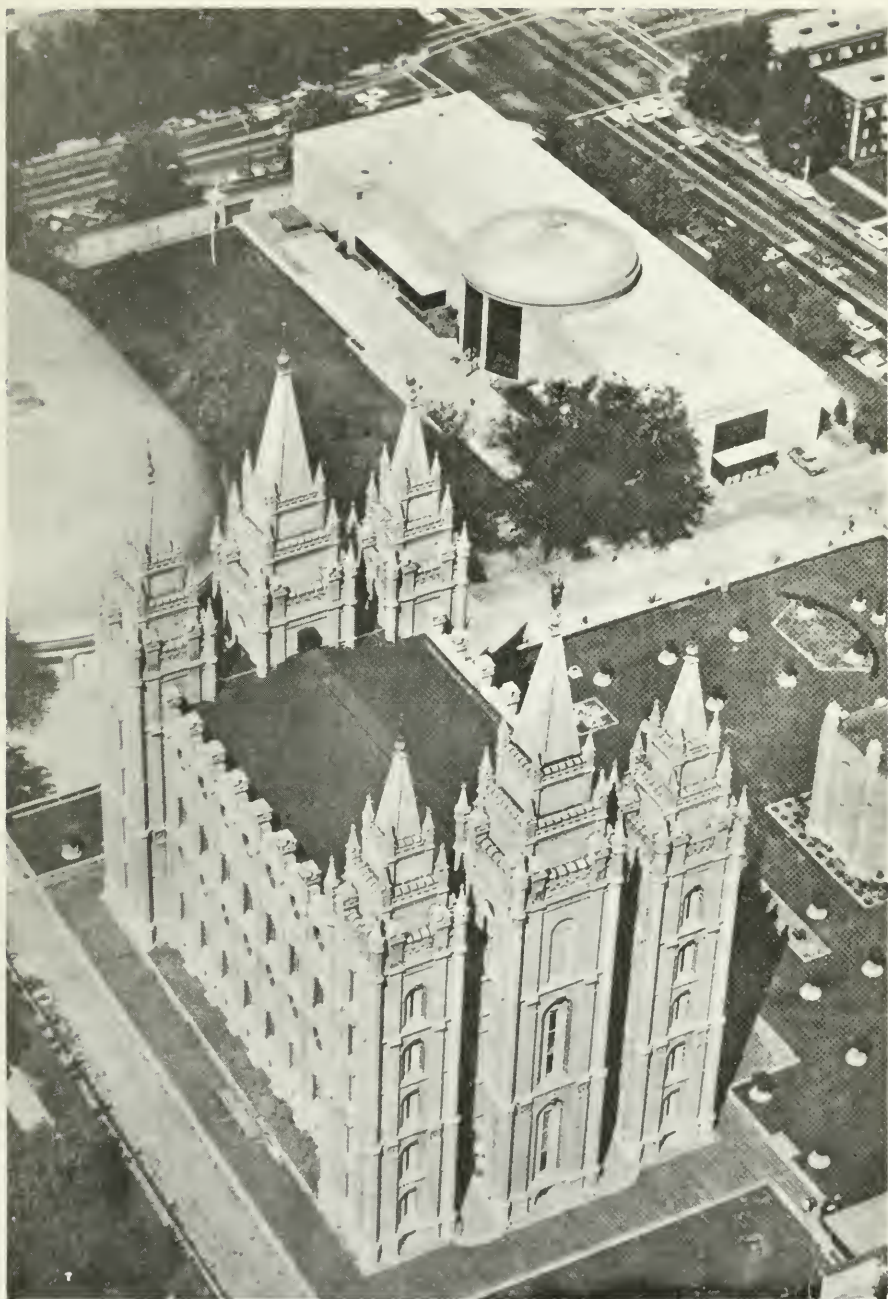
During the past ten years many have added their share to the work at the Temple and we would like to thank you all for the achievements made so far. How well we remember each of the preceeding Presidents with their great spirit and contribution to the Temple organization. We have inherited much from each one of them.

We desire now only to be of service to you all and together stand strong in the Gospel against the increasing evils of our day.

May the Lord bless you in all your righteous endeavours.

Sincerely your brother and sister,

Dougald & Grace McKeown.



Temple Square in Salt Lake City with Salt Lake Temple foreground, noting its 75th anniversary this year, and top right, beautiful new Visitors Centre.

President McKay Outlines Purposes For Temples

by President David O. McKay

From remarks made at the dedication of the Swiss Temple, and other sources.

★ The Temples are built for the performance of sacred ordinances—not secret, but sacred.

One of the distinguishing features of the restored Church of Jesus Christ is the eternal nature of its ordinances and ceremonies; for example, generally in civil as well as in church ceremonies, couples are married “for time” only, or “until death do you part.” But love is as eternal as the spirit of man; and if man continues after death, which he does, so will love.

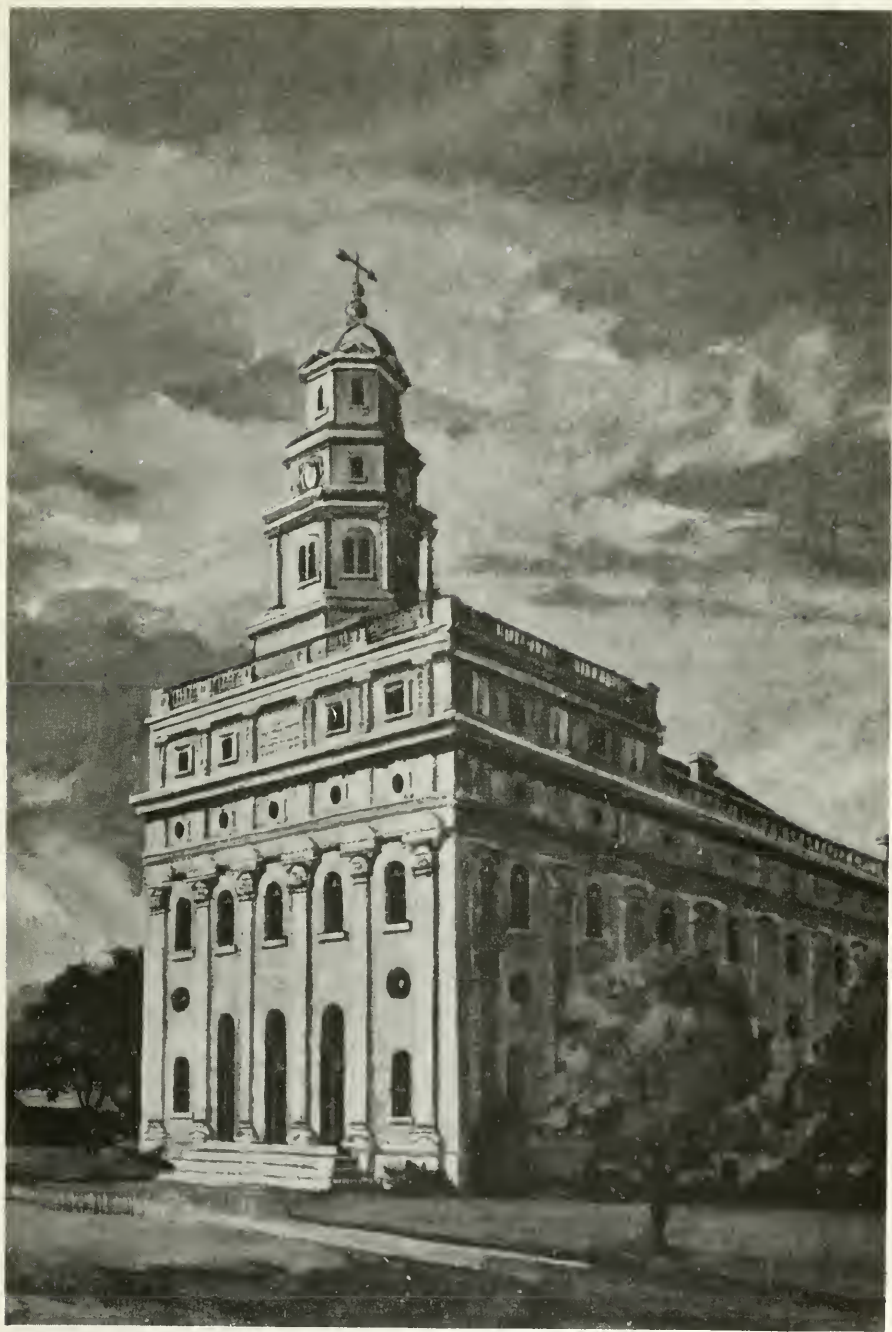
This interests nearly every intelligent inquirer and investigator, especially when he or she realizes the truth, that love—the divinest attribute of the human soul—will be just as eternal as the spirit itself. So whenever any person dies, the virtue of love will persist, and if any inquirer believes in the immortality of the soul or in the persistence of personality after death, he must admit that love will also persist.

Logically, there follows another question: Whom shall we love in the next world? “We should love everybody.” “We should also love everybody here.” That is the injunction of the Saviour, to

love our neighbour as ourselves. But if earthly things are typical of heavenly things, in the spirit world we shall recognize our loved ones there and know them as we loved them here. I love my wife more than I can love other people. I love my children. I can have sympathy; I can have a desire to help all mankind, but I love her by whose side I have sat and watched a loved one in illness, or, perhaps, pass away.

Those experiences bind heart to heart, and it is a glorious thought to cherish that death cannot separate hearts that are thus bound together; for each of you husbands will recognize your wife in the other world, and you will love her there as you love her here and will come forth to a newness of everlasting life in the resurrection. Why should death separate you when love will continue after death?

It should not, and it need not, for when Jesus was upon the earth He told His Apostles: “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Matt. 16:



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19.) And with the restoration to earth of the Holy Priesthood, the Church asserts that this power was again given to chosen men, and that in the house of the Lord where the marriage ceremony is performed by those who are properly authorised to represent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the union between husband and wife and between parents and children is effected for time and all eternity, and that for those thus married the family will continue into the eternities.

That is one purpose of temples.

There is another purpose—not so easily understood by inquirers until they get a glimpse of the justice of God or until we ask them: "Do you think that a just God would require me to conform to certain principles and ordinances in order for me to enter into the kingdom of God, and that He would permit you to enter the kingdom of God without complying with those principles and ordinances?"

Those who accept Jesus Christ our Lord as the author of salvation: those who accept His statements—unqualified statements—regarding the necessity of obedience to certain principles, are bound to admit that everybody must comply with certain fundamental ordinances or else nobody need comply with them. Now that is the plain fact.

We have as you know in holy writ ample evidence that the Saviour referred to one eternal plan; for instance, when Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, a man who had evidently listened to the Saviour speak and who had probably followed Him—called on Jesus, impelled by the desire to know what Jesus had which the Sadducees and the Pharisees did not have, and bore his testimony, saying, "Master, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles

that thou doest, except God be with him." And then ensued the conversation in which Nicodemus undoubtedly asked, "What must I do?" And one of the most remarkable statements we have in scripture was given as an answer:

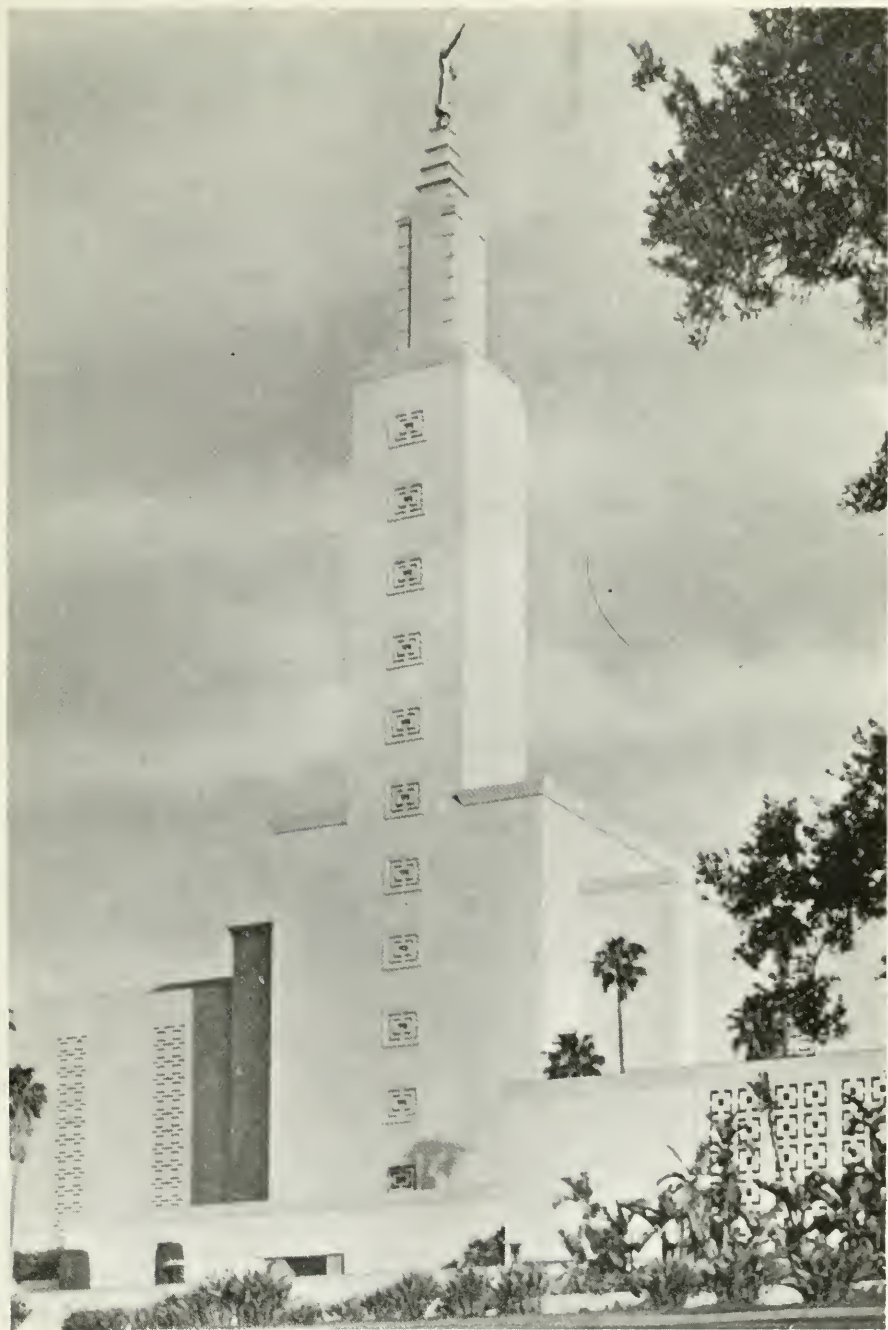
". . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And "Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old?" All Christians believe or should believe in the words that Jesus answered: ". . . Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:2-5.) And that is true.

The words of the Saviour to Nicodemus are accepted in their literal sense by faithful members of the Church. The scriptures make no distinction between the living and the dead. This law is of universal application, exemption being granted only to children who die in infancy, having no sin to expiate. To provide a means of salvation for all, facilities are made available in the temples whereby the living may be baptised in behalf of the deceased.

Evidence that such vicarious work was performed in the early Christian church is found in the words of Paul to the Corinthians: "Else what shall they do which are baptised for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptised for the dead?" (1 Cor. 15:29.)

The pseudo-Christian world has stumbled over the meaning of this simple text, and not a few commentators have tried to explain away its true applicability to all mankind of the Saviour's teachings.

To repeat, if baptism is essential for one man, it is essential for all. Then the question may be asked, "What about my ancestors who never heard of the name of Jesus Christ?" A Mormon elder would answer, "They will have



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an opportunity to hear the Gospel, and to be baptised, to be born of the water and of the Spirit, that they might also enter into the kingdom of God."

What about your great-great ancestors who never have heard of the name of Jesus Christ? What about the millions who died without having heard His name? They are all our Father's children as much as you and I. Is it the act of a Loving Father to condemn them forever outside of the kingdom of God because they have had no opportunity to hear the name of Jesus Christ?

No it is not. "We believe that . . . all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." And we also believe that those who have died without having heard the gospel here in mortality will have an opportunity to hear it in the other world.

Where did Christ's Spirit go while His body lay in the tomb? The Apostle Peter tells us that He went to preach to the spirits who were in prison, who were once disobedient in the days of Noah when the ark was being prepared. (See 1 Pet. 3:19-20.) Those who died thousands of years ago were still living in the spirit world, and the Gospel was taken to them as it will be taken to all of our Father's children.

This, then, is another purpose of the temple. You may have the opportunity of gathering the names of your ancestors who being baptised by proxy, may become members of the kingdom of God in the other world as we are members here.

Since the restoration of this principle and practice, Church members have zealously searched the records of the world for the history of their ancestors that their forefathers might receive

vicariously the blessings of the Gospel of Christ. In connection with this work the Church maintains an extensive genealogical organisation.

These two great purposes—eternal marriage, binding the family for time and eternity, and opening the door to the kingdom for those who have died without an adequate opportunity to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its essential ordinances—when preached properly, earnestly, and sincerely to the honest in heart, will appeal to the justice of those who love the truth.

In addition there is the temple "endowment," which is also an ordinance pertaining to man's eternal journey and limitless possibilities and progress which a Just and Loving Father has provided for the children whom He made in His own image—for the whole human family.

This is why temples are built.

God help us to appreciate the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ in its all-embracing justice and mercy and glorious eternal plan. The whole purpose and meaning of life is contained in it, with its great saving and ennobling ordinances that will take the individual to his highest possibilities here and hereafter with an everlasting association with his loved ones in the presence of God.

I pray with all my soul that all the members of the Church their children and their children's children—and all men everywhere—may at least glimpse the glory of the house of the Lord and have wisdom to understand and strength to apply the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which are eternal and applicable to every person living, in developing that spiritually which will bring peace on earth and goodwill toward men.



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Temple: Golden Age Programme

★ NOW that the TEMPLE is OPEN on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and on TUESDAYS as per programme, we are introducing our
GOLDEN AGE PROGRAMME

We invite those of our brethren and sisters who have reached pensionable age to spend an enjoyable holiday at the Temple. We realise that this will involve considerable expense and are therefore prepared to pay an endowment allowance as follows:

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Based on accommodation rental at Edenbrook of £2 15 0d. per person per week and taking into account the cost of clothes hire and meals at the Temple, if your stay is of four weeks duration, then all expenses, including travel expenses will be met from the allowance.

The following example may be of help to you when planning for your Golden Age holiday:—

4 weeks accommodation at £2 15 0d. per week	11	0	0
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4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3	0	0
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Total	14	10	0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—				
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	Total	14	14	0

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Up to	50 miles from Temple	7/6 per week
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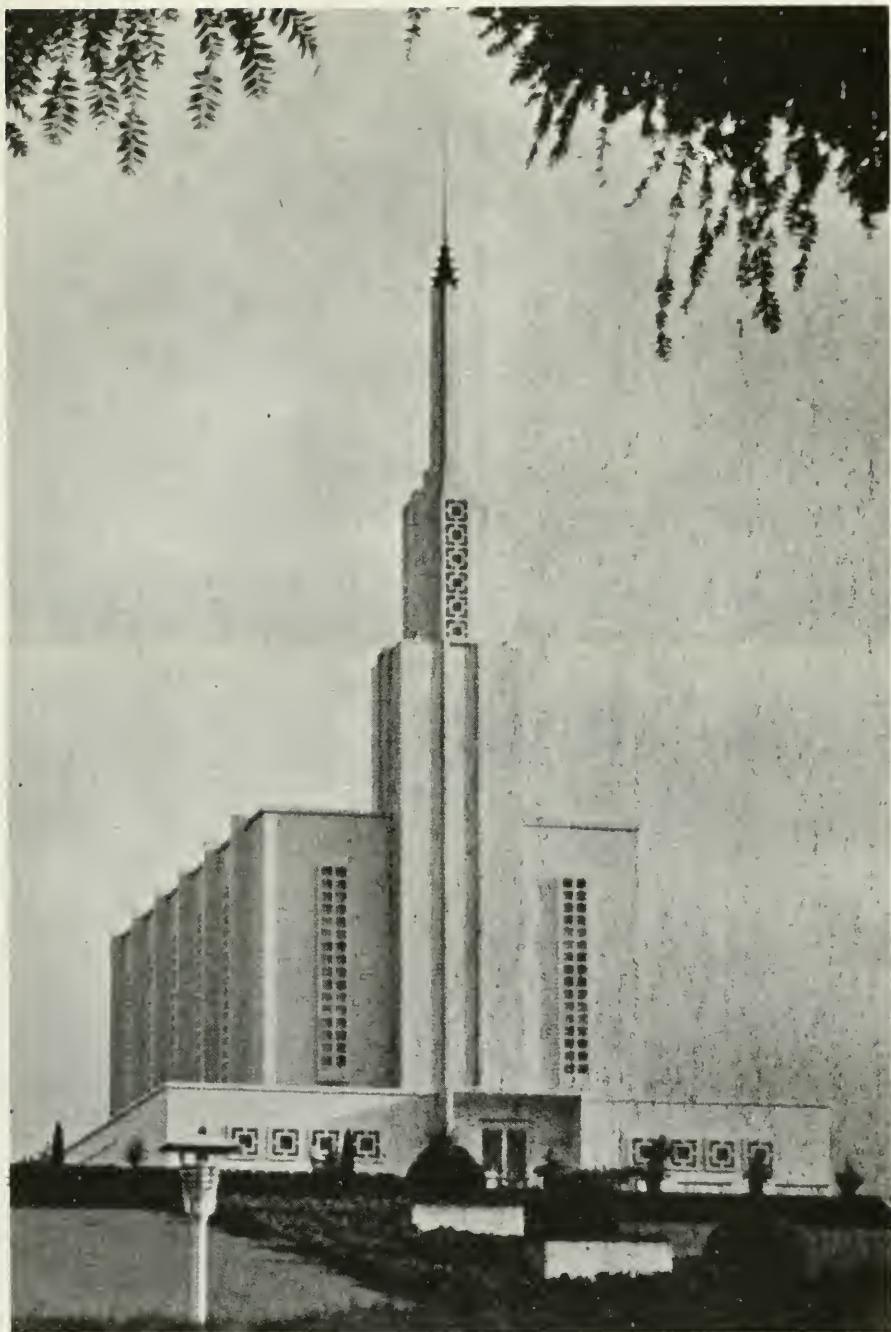
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Man's Unique Position In God's Divine Plan

by President Hugh B. Brown

★ Perhaps the two most frequently questioned concepts of the Church have to do with, first our belief in a living, personal God; and secondly, our understanding of man's unique position and part in his divine plan. It is necessary that one have faith in the first before he can understand and accept the second of these tenets, namely, man's relationship to Deity. If that relationship be real, then certainly man occupies not only a unique but a Godlike status, and it is to that I should like to direct your attention for a moment.

The accomplishments of man in the last one hundred years, his ever widening search for truth, his insatiable appetite for knowledge, his discovery and partial control of the laws of nature, are convincing evidence of man's supreme position among God's creations. Did any animal ever gaze into the heavens and wonder?

We are told that in the last one hundred and fifty years, there has been more truth accumulated, more knowledge gained, than the sum total of all truth previously gathered. The fact that man has the genius to discover and partially master the elemental forces of nature causes men to stand in awe and ask again the age-old question, "What is man?"

That question was formulated by the Psalmist when he said:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

"For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet. (Psalm 8: 3-6.)

One wonders when he reads that, how the Psalmist might have framed his question if he had had the benefit of modern facilities as he considered the heavens. I am sure it would have tended to deepen and confirm his faith in the great Organizer of it all.

But as we consider man's increasing knowledge and power, we must not forget that power can be very dangerous. General Omar Bradley, former Chief of Staff, speaking to a graduating class sometime ago, sounded this warning in the following words:

"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescence. Our knowledge of science

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"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." (Genesis 1: 27-28.)

From this it is evident that from the beginning, man had a unique status, an image nature; and that there was assigned to him a participative role in the great plan of redemption. The statement, "created in the image of God," was never made concerning any other of his vast creations. Only man is in His image: only man is His son.

has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. (We have too many men of science; too few of God.) We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.

Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace; more about killing than we know about living. This is our 20th Century's claim to distinction and progress!"

But the question, "What is man?" was answered long before the Psalmist asked it. In the first chapter of our oldest book here, we read:

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Leicester Stake Couple Attend Temple Regularly

★ For nine of the ten years the London Temple has been opened Bro. and Sis. James Martin of Eastwood Ward, Leicester Stake, have been spending their holidays at this sacred edifice doing temple work. They met while serving missions, in Hull. Bro. Martin was a companion to Ralph Mount, present patriarch to the London Stake. Sister Martin also laboured in the Luton area.

Bro. Martin is now ward clerk and earlier served as a counselor in the bishopric and on the high council. Sis. Martin is Relief Society secretary, a beekeeper in the YWMIA, and a Sunday School teacher. She previously served on the Stake Relief Society board.

Faith In The Lord Is Need of All Mankind

by Elder Alma Sonne

★ Many years ago I attended a Sacrament meeting in the South London Branch in London. The occasion was a Christmas programme. On that programme appeared a Jewish musician. He played a selection on the cello. It was very good. The presiding officer tried to get him to play another selection, but he refused. He said, however, "I will sing a solo, if that will be acceptable." He stepped forward, and he sang the song we all love, "The Lord's Prayer," after which he took his seat in the audience.

When the meeting was over, he walked up to me and said, and these are his words, "You will have to get something more practical than the Sermon on the Mount if you expect to convert the Jews."

I said to him, "Have you ever read the Sermon on the Mount?"

He said, "I must have read it."

"I hope you have," I suggested, "before you criticize it." And then I said to him, "You sang a wonderful song tonight, 'The Lord's Prayer.' Did it ever occur to you that that prayer was a part of the Sermon on the Mount?" He did not seem to realize it.

"Now," I said, "Will you tell me one single teaching in that sermon which is not practical. Name one thing in it that cannot be practised and introduced



Elder Alma Sonne

into your daily life." He was silent.

Then I began to repeat for him that wonderful prayer offered by Jesus as an example to His disciples. "'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.' (Matt. 6-7.) Isn't that a practical aspiration to have?" I said.

He made no reply.

Then I repeated this: "'Give us this day our daily bread.' Surely, that is practical to a man like you."

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Proposed new temple to be built at Provo, Utah, overlooking BYU campus.
Emil B. Fetzer, Church architect.



Proposed new temple to be built in Ogden, Utah, on the Pioneer block where the O



OGDEN TEMPLE
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
EMIL B. FETZER CHURCH ARCHITECT

Ogden Tabernacle, left, has already become an attraction for thousands of visitors.

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And he said, "Oh, it is very practical."

I continued, "'And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.' We are having a lot of trouble with debts these days, individual and national. Don't you think we ought to pray about it once in a while?" I asked.

"It wouldn't be amiss," he replied.

And then I gave him this statement: "' . . . deliver us from evil.' Is that not a prayerful hope that all of us should have? It refers to the evil that appears in our pathways, evil that frustrates and stultifies us as we go forth in our daily affairs. 'Deliver us from evil,' is a plea for strength to resist temptation.

I called his attention to two or three other statements in the sermon: "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

At last he was impressed. He said, Oh, if you Christians would honour that last commandment, 'As you measure out to others, it shall be measured back to you.'

I said, "Not only the Christians, but the Jews as well."

Then he began to explain if that commandment were believed today we

would be living in a different world. Fancy someone believing a teaching which declares, as we measure out to others, it will be measured back to us. There would then be no dishonesty in the world. There would be no persecution. There would be no war. There would be no bloodshed. There would be no contentions in our civilized society because the world stands on one of the great laws taught by the Lord Jesus.

I quoted again from the sermon:

"' Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' Can't you see the practical thing in that teaching, my brother? If we desire something, something that is precious, something we need, certainly it will require effort on our part."

My friend left me. He said, "I will go home and read the Sermon on the Mount."

I asked, "You have a New Testament?"

He said, "I believe I have, but it must be covered with dust."

And now it occurs to me that when Joseph Smith penned his thirteen Articles of Faith, he stated in the fourth one that the first principle of the Gospel is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There may be other kinds of faith, but the faith that will lead us on to eternal happiness and salvation is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"If you treat a man as he is, he will stay as he is but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be, and could be, he will become that bigger and better man." — Goethe

Family—Greatest Element In Our Lives Today

by Elder S. Dilworth Young

★ I believe that the Lord Himself did not consider that the resurrection was His greatest gift to man. I do not attempt to defend the statement. I believe that He knew that we could not understand all of His purposes but that as humans we might understand what it meant to lay down a body and take it up again. I believe His highest purpose is that His children who will support and sustain Him will be given exaltation in His presence. That, I think, is what He had in mind when He came to the earth in the first place. I think He taught it to those who could understand the doctrine, and I believe that He has restored it to us in this last day with the purpose now of bringing it to a fulfillment.

If that be true, then the family is probably the greatest element in our lives today. Without the family we shall not attain exaltation, as I understand exaltation to be. And of course without children the family would not be very much.

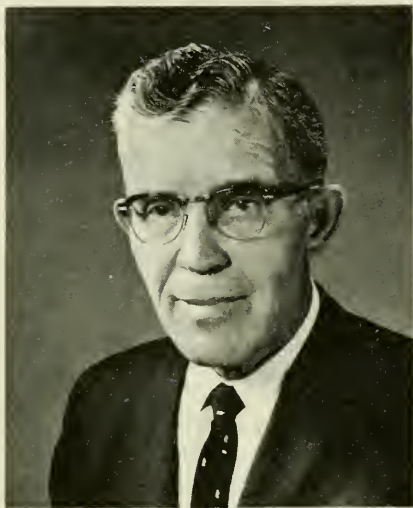
But if we lose our children in the process of attaining exaltation, I think it is a little vain to assume that we are going to have very much happiness. Therefore I would raise my voice in asking that we give special attention to the children. Too, we should begin to take steps which will correct the abuses

which affect their lives in many places.

It so happens that much of my life has been spent working with children. This gives me some right to mention three needs which I think I can draw from that experience. I could name a dozen, but I have chosen these three because of associations I have had with three men. Each of these men is associated in my experience with children. In one case, one taught me as a youth. In the other two cases, in my work with children, I had dealings with them. I think in the things they told me and in the things they did themselves are found possibly some bases upon which we can begin our work. Here, then, are lessons from the three.

Dr. Adam S. Bennion would not have said, "Make things easy for youth." Rather he would have them develop honour by means of sharp competition. On the playing court he would have applied the lessons which would be their strength in manhood. He wanted keen, sharp, hard play; to win hard, fair, and square; to lose gracefully. But let some man try to use these fields of action to win illegitimately, to use an unfair tactic to further his own ends, to make the end justify foul means, and Adam Bennion became at once a hornet and a cudgel to drive him away.

Elder Young



Elder S. Dilworth Young

At some point in their lives all children must be protected from the designs of conspiring men. Adam Bennion was one who was fearless, outspoken, their protector. Youth needs that protection by adults.

Oscar A. Kirkham could lift boys and girls out of themselves, to aspire to high things. In his hands they rode on the wings of eagles; they acquired the rugged strength of the mighty oak. He pointed the way to show that the greatest adventures are those in fields of morality, honour, and integrity. When he left them, the embers of the campfire dying down, somehow each one knew that the message was the echo of his own unformed ideas leaping into high resolve. We need more of that, too.

Thomas E. McKay was a stake president. I was a member of his stake for many years. He was for children. When help was needed, his weight and his influence were applied with full force and without reservation, and it was no mean force. He made only one stipulation to me when I was working with children. The man operating the programme must not let the parents or the Church down. The principles of salvation and the testimonies of leaders must be the guiding factors.

These three elements were part of the living souls of the three men of whom I speak, whom I loved and revered.

Now, may I summarize as to what our children might need and which we should be alert to give them:

Teach youth to play fair and square, to play hard and to win modestly, to lose gracefully, but above all things, protect them from evil men until they are old enough to protect themselves. That is a vital thing.

Fire each child with the desire to reach the heights of happy achievement. Unless the spark kindles the flame, an inner flame, it will not warm the soul. This is vital, too.

Finally, keep always in mind the ultimate goal, exaltation in the presence of the Father and the Son. Do nothing to cloud this goal in the minds of children. Do everything to keep its guiding light brightly shining.

I believe that if these three things plus others which could be mentioned in handling children, can be applied, somehow our eternities will be sure.

A Mother's Thoughts On Preparing Her Son For Baptism

Margaret Woods, Walsall Branch, Leicester Stake

★ He is sitting on the wooden, kitchen chair. His blond head is bent, in thought. Suddenly, he looks up, bright with information about his day. It is his birthday—his eighth. His eyes sparkle as he fingers the much wanted, though simple toy. Fleeting I remember that day eight years ago, my first child was born, a son. Was I being sentimental? Perhaps, but why not? Today is special. Those legs are now toughened by running, cycling and jumping. They're grimey. Willingly he allows a washing, for today is different. He is to be baptised.

"Why do you have to go right under with no bits poking out, mommy? he asks.

"You know all about that, don't you?" I reply. "You must be all under the water at once. If you sit in the water, like sitting in a chair, then you will manage it."

"Robert was baptised three times. His toes came up and then they said his name wrong. Do I hold my nose?"

"Yes, daddy will tell you when."

I dry his wet legs and feet and he is full of questions and remarks as I

help to dress and realize that at heart, he is a man. His knowledge of the truth, even now, would confound many.

The white clothes are ready. They are special ones that my son will wear at his baptism this night. His father's are ready too, along with plenty of large white towels.

On my way upstairs, I pass the notice boards, those home made placards bear the principles of the Gospel. Through the weeks of preparation they have accumulated to remind all the household that "Faith", "Repentance," "Baptism" and the "Gift of the Holy Ghost" are the things that matter.

There is a stretching sensation around my heart strings. My son is growing up. Happily, but with the solemnity of a sage, he goes forward to his baptismal service with understanding and alertness. He is aware of all that baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ requires of him.

How glad and grateful I am, that a few years ago we were given such an opportunity to accept the Gospel on which to build our family's foundations.

Mainly For Women



Household Hints

★ Many recipes sent into the Millennial Star are given in American standard measuring cups or spoons. This is the way our American sisters living in Britain cook. When they share their recipes, however, it is often confusing to a British housewife who measures by weight. These hints may help you to use American measurements or British weights without fear of failure.

An American cup is a standard measure, equalling about eight fluid ounces. That's a little under half an English pint or about 13 British tablespoonfuls, filled exactly level with the rim.

A quarter of a cup equals $3\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoonfuls, a third is $4\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoonfuls and a half is $6\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoonfuls—all approximately.

An American tablespoon is roughly equal to a brimfull British dessert spoon.

Oven temperatures are given in degrees Fahrenheit. Here is a handy table for electric and gas oven settings.

Oven Description	Electric Oven Setting	Gas Regulo
Very slow	250°F., 275 F.	$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$
Slow	300°F., 325 F.	1, 2, 3
Moderate	350°F., 375 F.	4, 5
Moderately hot	400°F., 425 F.	6, 7
Hot to very hot	450°F., 475 F.	8, 9

For Children

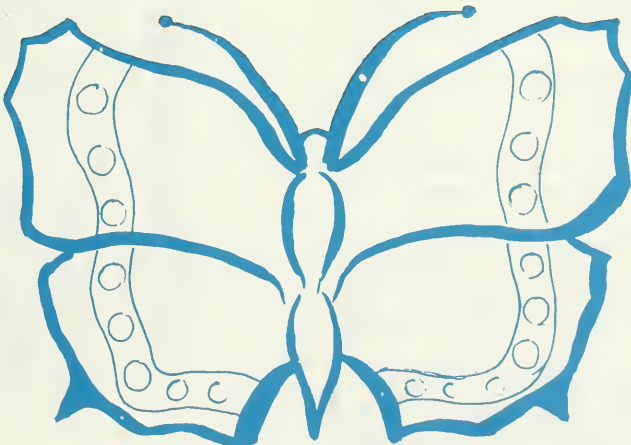
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★ In the picture you can see a little girl with a butterfly balancing on her finger. You are probably wondering how a paper butterfly stays on her finger. Read the directions for making one and you will have the answer.

Directions:

At the bottom of this page is the outline of a paper butterfly. Cut this shape out of heavy paper or light weight card. Colour it if you wish. On the underside of each front wing tip tape a six pence. These cause the head of the butterfly to press against your finger and balance there.



The Zoo

By Gillian Brown-Lee

High Wycombe Branch, British South
Mission

One fine day I went to the zoo,
To see all the birds and the animals, too,
To see the antelope, and grey baboon,
The lions and tigers and the strange
raccoon.

Algie, the elephant was out for a stroll,
His trunk was as long as a six foot pole,
His two huge ears flapped to and fro,
And his four big feet were firm and slow.

Gerald Giraffe ate leaves up high,
His long thin neck reached up to the sky,
His head was as small as it could be,
And he bent right over his cage to me.

Percival Peacock strutted to and fro,
He spread his tail like a great arched
bow,
He bobbed his head and called aloud,
"I am a bird who must be proud."

Charlie, the chimp came out for tea,
He sat on a chair as good as could be,
But drank his milk with such a noise,
Not a bit like mannerly girls and boys.

Sidney Sealion swam in his pool,
He dived for fish and sat on a stool.
He played patball and clapped hands,
too,
I do like the animals in the zoo.



Shadows

Bigger and smaller they go,
Night and day they change.

When at night, it gets very dark,
They grow bigger and bigger.

And when at day it gets very bright
They change to small again.

Your shadow is a likeness of you
In everything you do.

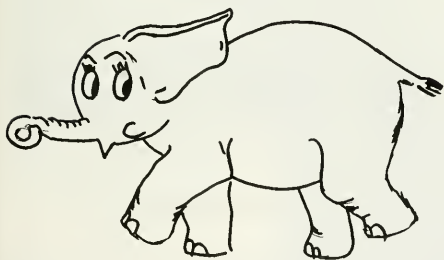
If you put one foot up,
Your shadow will do it too.

So your shadow's an exact copy of you,
And of me, too.

—Paul Butcher



Sketches by Linda Haslem



The Sea

Sea, Sea, beautiful Sea,
I long to gaze upon you.
In the summer you keep me cool.
During the holidays when I'm off school
You make me feel so free.

—Linda May Talbot, Age 9

Music Hall Evening Honours Two Couples

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ Ilford Branch MIA held an Olde Tyme Music Hall Evening and enjoyed a variety of acts and community singing. A surprise item on the programme came when Bro. and Sis. Douglas Anderson, who celebrated their Silver Wedding last December, were presented with a silver tray, and Bro. and Sis. John Breen whose silver wedding was in April, received a silver biscuit barrel. It was a very happy occasion and a complete surprise to both couples.

★ Sisters of the Mitcham Branch visited their local Fire Station recently and learned the intricacies of such equipment as "Escape ladder", "pump", "standpipe", "hoses", "breathing apparatus", "foam" etc. Each article on the fire appliance was explained in detail, making it a very interesting and informative session. There was great excitement however, when in the midst of a discussion, the "bells went down" and they made themselves fit into a small space while the fireman leapt onto the appliance. A further thrill was being invited to listen to the proceedings over the inter-com.

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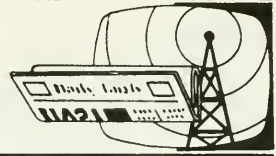
★ When Sunderland Ward M.I.A. held a "Country and Western" night, many of the members went dressed for the occasion, the women especially made very good-looking Indian Squaws. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the meal of beans and sausages.



Bro. and Sis. W. Hall honoured on Golden Wedding Anniversary

On July 18th the Relief Society gave a reception in honour of Bro. and Sis. W. Hall, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. A meal was served in the Stake House Cultural Hall, following which games were organised by Constance Hill. Relief Society President

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M. H. Marsh then gave a film strip presentation. The reception was a complete surprise to the "Bride and Groom", and they were overwhelmed when they received a travelling case, a present from all the sisters.

Bro. and Sis. Hall will use the case on their next trip to the Temple when they will be taking advantage of the Golden Age Programme as they are very active in Temple work. We are sure that all "Star" readers will join us in wishing them many more happy years together.

★ Newcastle Ward held a Farewell Party for Barbara Standing in June before she flew to Canada where she joined Pat and Julie Gray who emigrated to Alberta last year from "Geordie Land".

★ A good crowd of Saints from Newcastle made their way to Hexham on Whit Monday, and although the weather was not favourable, their spirits were not daunted as they played games by the river side.

The Ward Relief Society room was transformed for the M.I.A.'s presentation of "Desert Island Discs". Fruit and other decorations hung from the walls and ceilings and Hawaiian music heightened the effect. The programme was light-hearted and well arranged and at the end of the evening everyone enjoyed the real fruit supplied by Trudi Cooper.

★ On June 30th, after two years of hard struggle, the Newburn Dependent Branch was re-united with the Newcastle Ward. Bro. and Sis. H. Gray of Newcastle were commended by Bishop S. Curryer at the time of their release

Members paused just long enough to have their photograph taken, then back to work on the Peterlee Chapel.



for the splendid work they did during their temporary transfer to Newburn, where they served as Presiding Elder and Relief Society president respectively.

On July 3rd Peterlee said farewell to one of their members, Patricia McEldemy who emigrated to the U.S.A. on July 6th.

★ Bro. Ken McGowan and his wife Penny left North Shields on July 3rd for their new home in Canada. Ken has been a member of the Church for about three months. A farewell party was given for them by Bro. and Sis. Morris Cowley and most of the branch members attended.

The Relief Society have been working hard during the last eight months, and have raised £147 most of which has been donated to the Branch Building Fund.

★ Opening services in new chaples are always pleasurable occasions, and the one held on June 30th in the Billingham Ward was no exception. Pres. F. W. Oates, Sunderland Stake president presided and Bro. Curtis of the Church Building Committee was also present.

Representatives from the ward spoke for a few minutes on behalf of each auxiliary. Two of the guests of honour were former Building Supervisor Horace Foote and his wife. Bro. Foote worked on the chapel for almost a year until its completion, and Sis. Foote contributed a great deal to the ward Relief Society as a teacher, member and worker. Bishop John Dale presented the Footes with a parting gift of a Wedgewood bowl. The Relief Society and Priesthood Choirs both contributed to the service, and John Dawson sang a solo.

★ A change in the Branch Presidency took place at Peterlee Branch on June 2nd, when Pres. W. B. Hardy was released. The following brethren were sustained, Branch Pres. W. H. Soulsby, 1st counsellor, T. A. Walker, 2nd counsellor, M. Hall, Clerk J. Gowland, assistant clerk, B. Richardson.



Newly constructed
Billingham Ward
Chapel.

★ An inspiring Speech Festival was held by the Stake on 6th July, in which 19 young people participated. The festival was divided into two sections with two topics: 12-16 years "Three Wishes". 17-20 years "Tell me, what is Mormonism?"

The event was judged by five carefully selected adjudicators, and the standard of speaking was high, each contestant received a percentage rating and a certificate of merit.

In the junior section, Kathryn Henwood of the Middlesborough Ward was placed first, with 90%. Her presentation was original and she expressed herself well. Second place was awarded to Diane Denton of Redcar, and Terence Cawthorne of Sunderland was third.

First in the senior section was Gillian Foster of Sunderland Ward, her outstanding answer to the question gained her 93%, the audience was held by her conviction and enthusiasm. Second place went to Moira Harrison of the Consett Branch. Ann Helps of Hartlepool and Roger Cunningham of Newcastle tied for third place.

Beautiful music from members of Middlesborough, Hartlepool and Gateshead Wards inspired the audience, who felt that the evening had been a wonderful experience.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ On June 15th a successful District Relief Society Visiting Teachers Convention was held at the Hartley Chapel, Plymouth. District Relief Society Pres. Jacqueline West conducted the meeting, welcoming sisters from Exeter, Newton Abbot, and Plymouth, and introducing Pres. Violet Reeson, Mission R. S. Area Counsellor.

After President West had given her appreciation of the work of the Visiting Teachers, Marion Austin related some interesting experiences she has had in

doing the work; she was followed by Pres. Reeson, who gave an inspiring talk on the theme "Ye do the work ye see me Do".

When the film "The least of these" was shown, there was hardly a dry eye in the room. District Chorister Gwen Hewlett then led the 'Singing Mothers' in a fine presentation of "Choose the Right".

Awards were made to all visiting teachers, and special reference was made of Sis. Mitchell of Barnstable, who was unable to be present to receive her award. Refreshments were then served by the Plymouth sisters to those who were travelling long distances.

These same sisters continued to "hold the fort" when the convention was over, for their own closing social commenced at 8 p.m. it was a grand family affair, with friends invited. John Austin was the M.C. for team games and a Quiz, which the adults enjoyed as much as the children, then he handed over to Irene Gadsby for country dancing. Guests of honour were Branch Pres. Marshall and his wife and daughter. As earlier in the day, the sisters provided an excellent variety of refreshments which were greatly appreciated by everyone.

★ Cornish Primary children took part in the District Primary Play day on June 22nd at the Redruth Hall. All the branches concerned put on a very good show, and honours were equally divided as Redruth won the Shield, St. Austell's the banner, and Helston won the handicraft section through the good work of Joan Oliver.

★ Helston Branch gave a Farewell party to Arthur V. Harris on July 9th when he left the branch to become a permanent church builder, his first



Arthur V. Harris

field of work will be in Middlesborough.

Pres. Rodda presented him with a gift on behalf of the branch members and said that he had been an inspiration to all, District R. S. Pres. Jennings also gave a few remarks saying that whenever work was to be done, Arthur was always the first to help in any way.

★ About 30 people from the Cornwall branches joined members of the Falmouth Branch on 6th July for a barbeque which proved to be a success.

LONDON STAKE

★ On June 21st Romford Ward held an Open House programme and the Chapel was open from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. to anyone who wished to look around. As well as the usual auxiliary displays and film, the Elders put on a programme at 8.30 p.m. called "Swing into Summer". This was a really wonderful show, and added greatly to the success of the evening. Approximately 250 visitors attended including the Mayor of Romford,

Alderman W. Sibley and his wife.

The Mayor really enjoyed the show and when asked to speak he commented that it was a good way of uniting the people of Romford. Bishop Peake then presented him with a pictorial Book of Mormon and the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers.

Refreshments were served during the interval generously supplied by the Relief Society sisters. The grounds of the chapel were also on display, and they were neat and tidy after many hours of hard work put in by the members. The effort was well worth while and the missionaries hope to gain quite a few converts through the programme.

★ A record audience of 450, more than twice as many as at previous roadshows, attended the Hyde Park Chapel on July 20th for the Stake Roadshow Festival. Eight wards presented shows, and St. Albans Ward provided entr'acte items.

This years theme was "Backing Britain". Croydon Branch presented British achievements in a series of news flashes, including a visit to the Croydon Hippodranmie. (but the joke was lost on those who did not know that the branch president is Gordon Draney). Hyde Park Ward achieved a Superior rating with their production, in which all the music was originally composed for the show.

Stevenage Ward depicted a family resolving to do their best to "Back Britain", and Romford took a visit to the local Backing Britain Club. South London depicted "heavenly" help being sent to aid an ailing Britain, Epsom set a familiar scene to all those members of the stake who commute on British Rail Southern Region services!

With Luton Ward they visited a museum, to be reminded of past eras,

Roman Britain, the Elizabethan age, and the Edwardian era. In North London's roadshow they heard of the campaign through a number of finely portrayed characters such as the businessman, the schoolgirl and the rag-and-bone merchant.

A great variety of talent was shown throughout the evening, and Gladys Noyce, Bro. Petersen and Mr. Maurice Mettliiss acted as judges. The programme was organised by James Corless, Stake Drama Director.

★ The annual Rose Prom, organised by the Stake GLEMM Council, was held on June 22nd at the South London Chapel. Roses for the decorations had been made by the M.I.A. members in each ward. The M.C. was Ken Goddard of the South London Ward, and dancing was to John Morgan and His Music.

★ Relief Society Sisters of the St. Albans ward held a social and dinner on 29th May. Sister Adams decorated the tables with flowers from her own garden. The dinner included sausages and mash with onions, fresh fruit salad with cream, and fruit drinks. Afterwards they watched films of holidays spent in Wales.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ When Sis. M. Nolan of the Mission Board MIA opened the Preston District "Spring Fair Day" it was to an indifferent attendance at the Rawtenstall Chapel. Awards for the best decorated stalls went to "Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe" of Eccles and the award for the best produce to Preston's unusual "Do it Yourself" stall.

One notable item among many being a "do it yourself" Lemon Curd Kit, which comprised of 1 egg, 2 lemons, a portion of butter and a small amount

of sugar all wrapped together in a bag! A cooked meal was provided for everyone by the Branch Relief Society and a tower of strength throughout the day was the Rawtenstall janitor, Bro. Howarth, who helped with literally everything. We are glad to report that the attendance improved as the day progressed.

★ Fortunately for the Preston District, June 11th dawned warm and sunny as they began their Inter District Sports meeting against the Lake District at the Preston Corporation Sports ground. The winners of 1st and 2nd places will represent these districts at the B.A.A. Zone finals at Manchester. The outstanding branch at the meeting was Blackpool from the Preston District. Following the sports, the final play offs in the 5 a side competition took place with three teams from Preston District and one from the Lake District. After an exciting final decided by penalties because the match was drawn at full-time, Bolton Branch emerged as the winners.

★ The weather was also kind to the Hull District when they held their sports day at the Alderman Kneeshaw Stadium, Hull. The running track was firm and provided good running for the athletes for York, East Hull and West Hull; competition was keen throughout.

Ladies 220 yards was won in grand style by Sandra Pincock, West Hull. In the mile race, always a test of stamina, Neil Roy, East Hull came first followed by a determined Paul Knott of West Hull. Ian Taylor proved himself the fastest man in the district winning comfortably the 220 yds. and 100 yds. sprint.

In the field events, the long jump provided the unique spectacle with the York branch winning every age group event both male and female. Phillipa

Mann and Paul Mann both proved to be stylish discus throwers both winning their events, and Diana Lofthouse of York won the Ladies discus with a throw of 71 feet. The final drama of the afternoon was the men's discus event which was won by Bro. Barber of East Hull with a terrific throw. The overall winners of the day were the York Branch Saints.

On the same day in the evening, the Swimming Gala was held at the Madeley Street Baths in Hull, and once again it was a triumph for the York Branch.

The individual winners of the sports and swimming, competed against the Leeds Stake at the end of June. The sports were won by Hull district and the Swimming by Leeds Stake.

June 22nd was the District Games Day, beginning at 10.30 a.m. with a break for dinner and tea, then on to a dance in the evening. Youth from E. Hull, W. Hull, Beverley and York participated. Table Tennis was won by Diane Lofthouse and Bro. Turver of York. Men's Doubles, L. Metcalfe and P. Pickering, E. Hull. Ladies Doubles, D. Lofthouse and T. Smith, York. Ladies Singles, T. Smith, York. Mens Singles, J. Gore, York. Under 16 singles. G. Saynor, York.

5-a-side football, E. Hull. Volleyball, Beverley. Volleyball under 16, York. Basketball men, E. Hull. Basketball girls, York. Netball, York.

★ Four Branches in the Liverpool District competed in their Drama Festival on July 13th. The Theme was "British History", and Liverpool Branch presented an excerpt from "The Young Elizabeth", Widnes Runcorn Branch wrote the words of their own play and portrayed scenes of historical interest. Warrington took a scene from "Florance

Nightingale" and Crosby Branch chose "1066 and All That".

The judges were Miss Pat Sandham and Mr. Cockram who are both members of the British Drama League. They had a very difficult task to judge the players who really gave a good account of themselves. Mr. Cockran gave an excellent review of the plays and much helpful criticism, which was greatly appreciated. Liverpool were awarded first place, and Phyllis Gibson who made most of the costumes was highly congratulated on her splendid effort. Shirley Little of the Warrington Branch was the winner of the Best Actress Award and Michael Nugent the Best Actor.

★ Liverpool District MIA held a Beach Party in June, which was organised by special request of the Manchester Stake MIA. Unfortunately only two Mancunians arrived on the night, but the other 130 people from North Wales, The Wirral, Chester, St. Helens, Crosby, Warrington, Wigan, Widnes-Runcorn and Liverpool thoroughly enjoyed this very well organised evening at the Ainsdale Beach. Games of Volley ball, rounders, and dodge ball were played, with the assembled company dividing into six teams named, Dolphins, Cockles, Mussels, Crabs, Porpoises and Jellyfish.

A massive sand castle competition was followed by a three legged race, which became a seven-legged race and then a fifteen legged race which developed naturally into a Giant Tug of War. Everyone was ready for the Hot Dog Supper which was served at this point and the sing song which followed was accompanied by Ron Johnson of the Liverpool Branch and Eric Foster from Widnes-Runcorn.



Pres. Albert Pickup breaks ground for new Burnley, Lancs., chapel, watched by Pres. Shorracks and members of the branch. (Photo by kind permission of Burnley Express)

The Carlisle Branch MIA recently took part in the City Youth Service Week, the aim of which was to raise money for the purchase of a Kidney machine. Although they are one of the smallest youth organizations in Carlisle, they took first place in the light entertainment section with a well received presentation of "Three Wheels on my Wagon".

Encouraged by their success, they arranged a Sunshine Breakfast on June 9th. They left the town at 4.30 a.m. and journeyed along the Newcastle Road marvelling at the sight of the sun coming up over the hills. On arriving at Hansteads they held a testimony meeting, then having got a fire going, they cooked and ate heartily a good breakfast of bacon, eggs and beans. They then hiked about five miles along the Roman wall before returning home in time for priesthood.

SCOTTISH MISSION



Some male members of Dundee Branch MIA recently spent a weekend camping in the Grampians. At the rear are Bro. John Keogh, YMMIA Leader with his assistant Michael Roy. Front row: Duncan, Graham and Larry Cavin.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ "Accent on Youth" was a display arranged by the Leicester Education Authority, who asked all youth clubs and youth organisations in the town to participate. The event took place on June 15th in the Abby Park grounds. In the Latter-day Saint tent, a film on the MIA was shown and the ward had displays by the various auxiliaries. MIA showed handiwork done by each class, the Vanguards displayed a relief map of the Church and grounds which they had made. The Relief Society and Primary also showed their activities and achievements, and Church magazines were given to interested visitors. In fact the Primary are pleased to report that one hundred Children's Friends went into non-member homes. Another very popular item was the performance given by the Mission-Aires.

A reporter from Radio Leicester visited the Park as they were preparing the displays and interviewed various participants. Eric Dutton was asked to explain about MIA and the Church in general and then he was able to request a record; he chose "If I only had time"! This interview and record were later broadcast on the local radio station. Leicester Ward found the participation in this event a great experience apart from the good publicity achieved.

★ Birmingham South Ward held a Dutch Auction on July 9th. Gerald Shaw mounted the stage to act as auctioneer, and once the bidding got underway it became very brisk and great fun was had by all, especially the missionaries who joined in whole heartedly. The goods made by the members, ranged from the ever popular basket work trays and plant pots, to bedside lamps and shades and bouquets of flowers from Bro.

Shaw's garden. Everyone was especially delighted when it was announced that £10. 10s. had been raised for the building fund.

This evening was John Tennant's last meeting before sailing for Australia, and the first part of the evening was in his honour.

★ A South Birmingham Ward family had a special occasion when grandparents were baptised on exactly the same day as their grandchild in America. The Birmingham couple were William and Emily Dempsey, whose daughter in Georgia, U.S.A. was already a member. It was her little boy Scott, who shared his grandparents baptism day even though they were thousands of miles apart.

★ A Folk Dance was staged for the Southern area of the Stake on July 22nd with a professional caller and a trio of Country and Western musicians, it was held at the Woodsetton Chapel. Many new dances were taught and all "pupils" thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A star feature of the evening was a fashion show staged by the girls of Woodsetton Ward. After the show everyone hurried to buy refreshments and prepare themselves for the dancing that followed.

★ Nottingham Ward Sunday School went on an outing to Clumber Park on June 29th. Although numbers were rather disappointing all those who attended enjoyed an afternoon of games, races and fun together. The weather was fine and quite warm despite dark clouds in the morning.

On July 8th the B.Y.U. A Capella Choir sang in the Nottingham Chapel to a large audience gathered from surrounding districts. They had a varied

programme, each item being sung beautifully. That night the choir members were accommodated in the homes of the Nottingham Saints, but by 9.0 a.m. the following morning they were on their way once more. The choir later entered the International Musical Eisteddford, at Llangollen, Wales, and won their section.

★ Whit Monday saw a coach load of Walsall Branch members heading for the seaside at Rhyl, where they spent a glorious day in the sunshine.

The men and children frolicked in the sea while the sisters had a well earned rest on the sands. The fun included French Cricket, donkey rides, and oceans of orange squash and plenty of crisps. When one little boy, who had been lost, was safely found again it was a relaxed and sunburnt party that took the homeward trek.

★ To encourage new members who had not even seen the Temple, a special coach party was organised in the Woodsetton area for the Stake visit on June 15th. Those who were not going through the Temple were able to experience the peace and beauty of the grounds and then they travelled on to Eastbourne where they spent 4 hours before returning to pick up the rest of the party from the Temple.

★ A "dressing up in newspaper" game was the highlight of a South Birmingham Ward Primary party held at the home of Bishop Frank Tennant on June 14th. The members paired off and with only a few sheets of newspaper and a handful of pins, dressed each other up. The creations ranged from a Dutch girl to Batman. Prizes were awarded to Tracy Tennant, who was a Bunny girl, and Cheryl Lees, a Hula-hula girl. Salads

cakes and squash were served as refreshments with the children acting as waitresses for their mothers. The party raised £10 towards Primary supplies.

★ On Saturday May 25th at the Stake M.I.A. Swimming Gala at Leicester, the Nottingham Ward entrants won all their races and for the 3rd year running were the overall winners.

★ David Bourne was released from the Nottingham Ward Bishopric in May, prior to his departure for Toronto, Canada, with his wife Helen and their two children. They were presented with a clock by the Ward members, and they jokingly remarked that it was a long while since they had had time on their hands! Bro. Bourne has been 1st counsellor to Bishop Green for over 2 years, and Sister Bourne has been the Y.W.M.I.A. President for 6 years, Geoffrey A. Harris who was released as Stake M.I.A. Supt., at the last Stake Conference after serving in that capacity for 6 years, was sustained as 1st counsellor in the Bishopric, after approx. 15 years unbroken service in M.I.A.

★ In June the Nottingham Ward Sunday School staged a Variety concert in aid of the Sunday School outing. There was indeed a good variety of acts, some serious and some very amusing. Refreshments were served at the interval and the evening ended with the Carlton Branch Ladies Chorus singing "God be with You" and everyone joining in the last verse.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ On the 14/15/16 June at Hill Farm, Castle Frome, Herefordshire, (Benbows Farm) the Mission held their annual Fathers and Sons camp. Cars were arriving during the afternoon and evening, tents were pitched and refreshments available. Then about 9.0 p.m. a camp fire was lit and Bro. Murton led community singing, tales and skits.

The following morning started cool and misty, but as the day went on the clouds dispersed and a fine sunny day developed. After breakfast they played football, volley ball, soft ball etc, and following lunch field events were organised by Malcolm Coombs, Mission Sports director. In the evening a Ban-



These fathers were caught taking a rest from the sports at the Central British Mission camp at Benbow's Farm.

quet and Talent Show were presented, each district participating in the programme.

Sunday began with a testimony meeting held in the open, then breakfast followed by preparations for the return home. At 10.30 a.m. a service was held and a dramatization of Wilford Woodruff's visit to Benbow Farm and subsequent events was presented. After the meeting lunch was served and the brethren returned home from a most enjoyable week-end.

★ One Tuesday in June Redditch MIA Supt. Eric Thomason and Pres. Eileen Mortimer, organised an open-air activity evening when twenty members of the branch met at Shufflebottoms derelict farm on the outskirts of the town. For once they were blessed with a beautiful sunny evening and the ground was dry so conditions were ideal for the game of volley ball, which literally "set the ball rolling!"

After an exhausting and hilarious game in which almost everyone participated, there was a break for refreshments. Then with a five minute start, 12-year-old John Thomason set off as the hare in a paper chase. Twenty minutes later 18 Redditch hounds were straggled out across the surrounding country in pursuit. The hare was eventually captured by an almost exhausted Gordon Lodge Jnr., and Michael Summers in a field of deep grass. On re-assembly the red-faced, panting, party voted the evening activity one of the most enjoyable they had participated in.

★ On Saturday 22nd June the Central British Mission soccer team travelled over 200 miles to Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham to play Sunderland Stake in the second round of the Mark E. Petersen Cup.

The standard of football improved as the game progressed and at half time the score was 1-1. In the second half one of the Central British Mission players was injured and was replaced, but shortly after this they scored their 2nd goal and a few minutes later their 3rd. Although they tried hard the Sunderland team could not equalize. It was a long and tiring day for the Mission team, but they travelled home again happy and grateful for the wonderful hospitality they had received at the Stockton Branch.

★ One beautiful warm Saturday afternoon in June the Hereford Branch organised a Knock-Out, Six-a-side Cricket Competition. Three teams competed, Worcester, a joint Cheltenham/Gloucester team and the host team, Hereford. After a very enjoyable and entertaining, but not classic, afternoon's cricket, the winners were Worcester with Hereford as runners-up. Highlights of the games were some hard hitting by Roger Head and Michael Matthews. At a social in the evening the winners were presented with fruit bowls as mementoes of the competition.

★ With the departure of Pres. A. G. Dawe to the United States, a new branch presidency has been called to the Hereford Branch. George S. Burton is now the Branch President, with Anthony R. Stone as 1st counsellor, and Michael Matthews as 2nd counselor.

★ Over 400 members and friends sat enthralled as the B.Y.U. Folk Dancers gave another superb performance at Northampton Branch on June 28th. The singing and dancing was brilliant and the costumes gorgeous, not to mention the solo violinist, guitarists, and trumpeter. The Indian Dances by Ken Larson

were veritable masterpieces, especially the Snake and Hoop dances. After the cast had received a standing ovation, a bouquet of flowers was presented to the director by Betty Wade. The following evening the dancers made another outstanding success at the Leicester Stake Centre.

★ The Midlands South District held the first of its annual Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration Camps at Northampton in May. It began on a Friday evening with indoor sports, entertainment and refreshments. Then after a good night's sleep, and a hearty breakfast it continued with a treasure hunt through the local countryside. The afternoon was taken up with outdoor sports, and then camp was broken in time for everyone to attend the District Music Festival on the Saturday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ March 7th—To Desmond and Florence Jenning of Burnley Branch, North British Mission, a son, Michael.

★ April 6th—To Terry and Loretta Whittaker, of Burnley Branch, North British Mission, a son, Christopher Herbert.

★ May 7th—To John and Pauline Butcher of Medway Branch, British South Mission, a son Matthew John.

★ May 10th—To Capt. Ronald and Linda Martin, (USAF) Huntingdon Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Suzanne.

★ May 30th—To Bro. and Sis. Brian Heath of Banbury, Central British Mission, a son.

★ May 31st—To Richard and Alma (née Tinson, formerly of Nottingham) at Pocatello, Idaho, a son, Matthew Bradley.

★ June—To Norman and Marion Jackson of Newton Aycliffe Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Julia.

★ June 7th—To William and Jean Mantley of Edinburgh Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Rachel.

★ June 11th—To Edward and Dorothy Edwards, Peterlee Branch, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Janice.

★ June 20th—To Tony and Pat Barron of Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Victoria.

★ June 22nd—To John and Helen Gray of Newcastle Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Lloyd William.

★ June 27th—To Bertram and Victoria Jane Merrell, Chester Branch, a son, Ephraim.

★ July 1st—To Harold and Janice Grundy of Lincoln Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter.

★ July 4th—To Bob and Gee Tolworthy, Lichfield Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Christopher James.

★ July 15th—To Brian and Wendy Osborne, Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a son.

★ To Alec and Rosemary Davies, Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Alan Edward Charles.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Susan Vine of Broadstairs Branch, Kent, at present on a teacher Training Course at Nottingham, to Raymond Poole of Nottingham Ward.

★ Denise Murdock and Raymond Searston, both of Nottingham Ward

★ Ted Kelly of London, Ontario, formerly a missionary in the British South Mission, to Diana Rock, formerly of Mitcham Branch.

★ Roger Beardsmore of Northampton, at present studying at Nottingham University, to Briony Green, daughter of Bishop and Sister Green of Nottingham.

★ Peter Boulter of Romford Ward, London Stake to Carol Toft of Leeds, now resident in the Romford Ward. They plan to be married in September. Peter is the London Stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent, and has been instrumental in introducing the very successful leadership weekends into the stake. Carol is very active in M.I.A. and has earned several Individual Awards.

MARRIAGES

★ Catherine Oakley and Raymond Coldray were married at West Hull Chapel on June 1st. The ceremony was conducted by Branch Pres. William Fee.



★ Michael Harris and Marion Longfoot both of Ilford Branch, were married at the Hyde Park Chapel on March 23rd. They met when Marion was investigating the Church and Michael went along with the Missionary Elders to teach her.

ORDINATIONS TO ELDER

LEICESTER STAKE

Brian Malcom Johnson-Leicester Ward.
Robert Taylor McAllister-Leicester Ward.
Robert Clifton Cooper-Nottingham Ward.
Keith James Stevenson Woodsetton Ward
Ronald Arthur Hardwick "
John Henry Mills - Walsall Branch.
Charles Perry "
Malcolm Crosby - Birmingham Ward.
Herbert Clive McHugh - Loughborough
Kenneth Clulow Derby Ward.
John Elks "

SUNDERLAND STAKE

John Beatie Newcastle Ward.
Martin Hall Peterlee Branch.

MARRIAGES



★ Doreen Margaret Mills was married on 23rd March to Leon Abbott at the Wythenshaw Chapel, Manchester Stake by Bishop Edwin C. Slater. Their reception was held at the chapel following the wedding. The sealing for the couple was performed in the London Temple 30th March.

Mrs. Abbott formerly resided in the Eccles Branch, Preston District. She was given away by her father, and best man was George Coreless of Lancaster. The Abbotts are now active in the Southport Branch.

OBITUARY

★ Keith Andrew Hood, eldest son of Bro. and Sis. Jack Hood of Northampton Branch. A dearly loved member of the Aaronic Priesthood, he met with a tragic accident whilst bathing on holiday with his High School Scout Troop in Devon, on July 18th. He was 13 years old.

A beautiful service was held in the

Chapel on July 24th, and great comfort extended to his family and a large congregation.

He was a fine example and will be greatly missed by all, especially his brothers and sisters in the MIA. We extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Hood.

PLYMOUTH BRANCH

★ On 14th June. Grand Variety Show by the Southway Variety Group was enjoyed by many branch members at the Hartley Chapel.

15th June. Annual Relief Society Social held in the evening at the Hartley Chapel, all participated in a quiz, dancing, chatter, and of course refreshments.

29th June. Primary Play Day. Annual competitions for the Plymouth District were held at the Plymouth Branch. Exeter were the overall winners of the arts and crafts exhibition, the musical competition, and the sports. They also won the fancy dress shield with their entry of "Aladdin", the other entries being Newton Abbott ("Wizard of Oz") and Plymouth ("Red Riding Hood") and Torquay ("Cinderella").

5th & 6th July. Grand Open Days at the Plymouth Chapel. About 60 people came to look around the exhibits and were told a little about the Church by the Elders. There was a filmshow in the evening, and an organ recital by a missionary elder based at Barnstaple. This event was widely advertised on buses, cars, and with a huge banner over the Chapel entrance.

Reference Books And The Genealogist

By

David Ensign Gardner

★ Previous articles have explained the different records that can be used in pursuing ancestral research in Great Britain and Ireland.

Another important area, not yet been explained, which is the key to the intelligent use of the records already described, is the wise use of the correct reference books. Reference books can be ignored or mis-used, and that is why it is important that their correct use be understood. For example, a modern gazetteer of the British Isles can be used to pinpoint a place that still exists, but if you want to know if this place was an ancient ecclesiastical parish (or a part of such a parish) it would not disclose that information.

Insofar as the sources themselves are concerned, the recognized text book is *Genealogical Research in England and Wales*, Volumes 1, 2 and 3, with two more in preparation. Attention is drawn particularly to volume 2, chapter 9, which is a complete reference for each county in England and Wales and includes the Isle of Man, detailing the following categories of references:

The 1831 census population (giving a more realistic insight into the size of your ancestral parish than a modern population figure); area; the number of ancient parishes (with registers commencing before 1831); the county town and county record office; main occupa-

tions and principal rivers; details on parish registers; bishops transcripts; marriage licenses and whether or not in print; probate records with details of printed calendars (indexes); the number of nonconformist chapels; and important publications.

Volume 3 supplements the sources discussed in Volumes 1 and 2 by providing material on how to read the old English scripts found in registers and records, and a discussion of research standards.

When necessary to write a parish minister of the Church of England, the reference book to use to determine whether he is a rector or a vicar, and the correct address, is *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, available in most city and town reference libraries.

The Society of Genealogists, London, is publishing a 12-volume series of reference books which will give details of all the parishes of the Church of England and all known chapels of nonconformists, Jews, Catholics and Quakers, together with details of any that are copied, and the location of that copy. Volumes 1 and 5 are already available at the Society of Genealogists in London, but the whole series will take several years to complete.

The Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City is publishing research papers on record sources as aids to the Saints

in all areas of the world. Those already in print affecting the British Isles are:

- Major Sources in England and Wales
- Major Sources in Scotland
- Major Sources in Ireland
- Major Sources in the Isle of Man
- Welsh Patronymics and Place Names in Wales and Monmouthshire

Pre-1858 English Probate Jurisdictions, one issue for each county, including a coloured map of the county, with several counties completed and others in progress.

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Other papers to be published in the future will cover similar subjects in other parts of the British Isles so that the Saints will be aided as much as possible

Some important genealogical reference books are now out of print and are hard to locate. Among these are Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England and Wales (1831 and 1833 editions) in six volumes, and Burke's Key to the Ancient Parish Registers of England and Wales (1908).

A new publication, A Genealogical Gazetteer of England, has listed all of the helpful information relating to England in a more concise form in one volume.

The three purposes in preparing this gazetteer are:

1. To avoid dependence on several rare reference books now out of print and difficult to locate.
2. To avoid having to refer to more

than one book for the information required.

3. To save planning time by listing from these rare reference books information of genealogical value only.

The publication is an alphabetical dictionary of more than 17,000 English places, each having a description as it was in 1831, as a hamlet or village, in which parish and county it is situated, date of commencement of all Church of England parish registers before 1813, the distance in miles from the next largest place, the population of the parish in 1831, the ecclesiastical and probate jurisdiction in which it was at that time, and the existence of non-conformist meeting places as listed in 1831. A Genealogical Gazetteer of Wales will appear sometime next year.

Thus, each year more reference material and aids are becoming available, making it possible for everyone to engage in more and better research, and to do much of the planning at home with the acquisition of these reference books.

Interested readers are invited to send enquiries by mail regarding the special research papers, the pre-1858 English county probate jurisdictions with coloured maps, and the new Genealogical Gazetteer of England (1968) to the Genealogical Society, 107 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

★ Bertram Merrell, a genealogist, and member of the Chester Branch, Central British Mission, has just published an index which greatly aids those searching records in Cheshire where there are numerous parishes of various sizes.

His new index includes the names of many people married in Cheshire from such places as the Isle of Man, Lancashire, Buckinghamshire, Middle-

sex, Westmoreland, Staffs and Wales.

Bro. Merrell says this is a most valuable source of reference plus an aid in tracing a particular marriage entry.

Enquiries and orders may be placed with Bro. Merrell at Honeycomb House, 68 Gladstone Road, Chester. The index sells for 7/6d. plus postage.

HARTLE AND COOK RECORD BOOK

★ Recently compiled by Frank and Daphne Hartle of Salt Lake City, Utah, under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Weeks, Researcher, it is now printed and beautifully bound, containing about 1,000 pages, legal size and indexed.

Frank and Daphne have corresponded with relatives in England from whom they have obtained many histories, pedigrees, family groups, pictures and considerable other information that has contributed much to the content of this volume. Pedigrees of 15 different Hartle lines all tracing back into the 12th century are connected, together with many branch and side lines as follows:

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WADSWOTH line traces from Jane born 1812, Tickhill back to John Wadsworth who married Margaret Shemeld, about 1665.

WHEATLEY line, traces from Ellen of Sheffield who married 1868 William Cook back to Samuel Wheatley born 1779 of Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

COOK line, traces from Samuel 1688 back to John Cook married 1575 married Elizabeth Stanforth, Sheffield.

Also **COOK** line, traces from John Cook 1820, Edinburgh, Scotland, back to John Cook who married Jannett Wilson about 1693, Clackmannan, Scotland.

Also **COOK** line traces from David about 1783 married Elizabeth Williamson, Monanca, Scotland, back to John Cook about 1664 who married Elizabeth White.

Also **COOK** line traces from Margrett Cook married 1891 John Wm. Wilson, back to Adam Cook married Grace Pearson born 1721.

Also **COOK** line traces from Brian Cook of Doncaster 1630 married Sarah Ryley down to 1824 a Pedigree.

Also **COOK** line traces from William of Sheffield, Yorks., England born 1845, back to Mathew Cook, Rotherham married Barbara Horner, 1776.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Bro. and Sis. Hartle at 313 Chicago Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116. Cost for a copy of the book is approximately £8 - 2 - 0 (\$20 American money.)

The Small Miracle

An Award Winning Short Story

By Robert A. Moore

★ As head of the Department of South American Studies I had known Peter and Mary Wilson for several years. They had both come to the Department with first class qualifications in their particular fields. Peter was a very competent archaeologist and Mary was one of the finest field anthropologists I have ever known. In those days the Department was quite small and we all knew each other personally, as well as professionally and soon a very close bond grew up between the Wilsons and my wife and I.

Both Peter and Mary were interested in our religion and often the discussion at those frequent evening socials would turn to Mormonism. "I just cannot accept your beliefs about Pre-Columbus American Civilisation" Peter would argue; "I can accept and I admire your religious views, but this idea of a lost culture I just cannot see." I think if he could have accepted the Book of Mormon, Peter and Mary would have accepted baptism at once.

Early this year Peter and Mary led a small research team to Mexico, to a dreamy fishing village on the Gulf. The work they were engaged upon was quite

an ordinary routine excavation of a small Mayan Temple, starting near the sea shore. Local legends told of a lost village under the sea, and that this Temple had been somehow connected with the village.

Excavation work was progressing well and both Peter and Mary, who were keen underwater swimmers, were taking every opportunity to indulge their hobby. Peter told me afterwards that they were trying to locate some trace of the lost village, not very seriously however, as he was using his new underwater camera to good affect photographing some of the rather scanty coral growths.

One afternoon after one of these trips the youngsters walked along the beach towards a low headland and settled down in its shade, talking desultorily about the progress of their work and the possibility of there being any foundation to the Indian legend of the lost village. Soon the warmth of the sun and the sound of the waves on the beach started to lull them to sleep.

Peter woke with a start to find a tall handsome young Indian bending over him and shaking him. He was dressed

Short Story

in a short tunic, with sandals cross tied up the legs, and was wearing a type of headress resembling a burnous. Peter, when he told me this story, said he was not surprised by this strange dress and he accepted also the fact that when the stranger spoke to them he both understood what he was saying and could answer him although the language was completely unlike any Peter knew.

Mary awoke as Peter stirred and the Indian spoke to them. "Greetings strangers. My name is Samuel. You must have journeyed far. Will you come and take refreshment with me?" As Peter sat up he saw, instead of the sweep of the bay, that they were sitting on a grassy hillside, below an outcrop of rocks. A short distance below them was a small village and beyond that, in the far distance they could see a small walled city on the sea coast.

Follow Their Guide

Without question they both followed their guide down to the village, Peter stopping on the way to take some photographs of the scene. Samuel led them down the street of a small village and into a house about half way down the street. The one room was sparsely furnished, with a rough wooden table at one side, with a raised stone platform around the wall and across one end. There was a wooden cupboard against one of the stone walls, and from this Samuel produced bread and cheese and a leather flask of wine.

He bowed his head over the simple food, then invited his guests to eat. Peter laid the camera down in the corner of the room and he and Mary started to eat their meal. Peter says he felt little curiosity and their host seemed little concerned about who they were or where they came from. As they talked Samuel told them that he and

the other villagers were members of a religious group which had once been very strong in the land, but was now being persecuted very strongly by the ruler of the city they could see in the distance. "We are preparing to flee to another part of the country, where our church is still strong and respected," he told them. On hearing his story Peter felt a strange sensation, like a memory coming back. "Have you any written scripture?" he asked. "Why yes." Samuel replied.

Soldiers After Them

Just as he started to speak, shouting broke out in the village and a boy dashed into the cottage. "Samuel, They are coming! Soldiers and horses! We must go at once!" Running to the door they could see a large troop of horsemen coming up the mountain trail towards the village, Their helmets and breastplates flashed in the sunlight and the points of their spears glistened like gold.

Peter looked beyond them towards the city. The sky was darkening and lowering, like a storm, travelling towards them. Samuel was urging the people out of their houses. Clutching a few possessions, they came out into the street and began to hurry up the hill towards the rocky summit. Looking down towards the oncoming cavalry, Samuel uttered a short prayer. They were so close.

Loses Camera

Under the rapidly advancing clouds the earth was darkening to early dusk. If the storm came quickly, there might still be a chance of escape. Peter was turning back into the house to pick up his precious camera while Mary was trying to help an old woman to hobble up the steep street when the earth

gave a convulsive shudder. Peter was flung against the doorway and when he picked himself up, all thoughts of the camera were driven from his head. A large gash had torn itself across the path below the village, and the leading soldiers spurring on their horses, had plunged into it. A second tremor followed, followed rapidly by another and another. Peter, Samuel and Mary, and the little party of villagers scrambled up the heaving path to the crest of the hill. Looking back, they saw a terrible sight. The whole lower hillside was sliding downwards under a pall of ever increasing darkness, and in the distance, the city was slowly sinking beneath the waves.

Only Footsteps

It was cold when they awoke. The sun was nearing the horizon. Peter turned over for his camera. It was gone. The beach showed only their own footsteps across the sand and the waves were still breaking at the foot of the little promontory.

As they walked back to the village, Peter started to tell Mary of his dream. Soon she stopped him. She, too, had dreamed of the village and of the Indian called Samuel. Much mystified they spent several hours trying to rationalise their experiences and the theft of the camera.

Two days later they saw a small crowd in the plaza near their lodging. As they drew near, they heard a voice which awoke strange memories. Two Mormon missionaries were addressing the little gathering. Both were Indians and the face of the speaker was the face from the dream. Afterwards they

approached him and asked his name. It was Samuel.

When I came over at Peter's request to institute the new submarine investigation he was wishing to undertake, they had already been baptised. He told me the story I have just written down and said that he would look upon their joint dream as a small miracle.

That was last night. Now as I await a call from the processing laboratory I am not so sure.

View Remains

This morning Peter took a party of us to a point along the beach and, at the foot of a small rocky headland we entered the water. Swimming downwards, away from the shore he led us to a point where the corals were scattered and dispersed. There were the remains of stone walls about the height of a man. Beckoning me, he led me towards one of them. We swam in through the space where the door had been. Among the small corals which had grown in the sheltered water, among the debris, Peter located a large coral growth, almost circular, a typical encrustation of considerable age, growing in a corner away from the door. He pointed upwards, and the pair of us swam back up towards daylight and the beach.

On the dry sand, aqualungs and underwater gear laid out to dry Peter pointed to the coral. He looked white and rather frightened. "I am afraid to crack that. I think I know what is inside it," he said. I broke it open. Inside, still sealed in its watertight case, was an underwater camera.





Eyes Down . . .

High Wycombes YMMIA's ride to Wales

★ A few minutes after Midnight on the morning of Monday 29th July, three Vanguard boys Rod Brown-Lee, Simon Griffiths and Jim Rickers of the High Wycombe branch, together with Brother Terry Brownless, Activity Counsellor; two missionaries Elder Larry Rutt, Elder Hal Kunz and two non member friends set off on a cycling trip that was to cover 336 miles in 3½ days.

The small group of Saints who gathered to wave them on their way included William Brown-Lee the High Wycombe Branch President, Derek Parkin YMMIA Superintendent, and several parents. After a farewell prayer the cyclists left and were soon tackling the long climb up to the top of the Chilterns at Stokenchurch.

Cycling throughout the night and most of the next day they were able to reach Lydney near the Forest of Dean by nightfall. A barn provided warm and dry accommodation, and after Jim Rickers had led them in prayer the young Saints settled down to a good nights sleep.

Early on Tuesday morning they were away again stopping only for snacks and to have hospital attention for Brother Brownless's arm which had been badly scalded before the outing began. It had been feared that the trip might have to be cancelled but Brother Brownless would not hear of this. By early evening they had arrived at Penarth on the South Wales coast.

Before settling down again in yet another barn they had an opportunity

to do a little missionary work. A small group of 'Pentecostels' were having a street meeting and the boys joined in. Quite a crowd gathered as the discussion warmed up and the Vanguard boys were proud of the way in which the missionaries acquitted themselves.

On Wednesday the group began the long way back to High Wycombe. Lesser hearts would have quaked at the task but not these youngsters. Away they went and by late afternoon had reached Gloucester where they circumvented the Law of Moderation for a while as they tucked into a huge meal. At the end of it the others watched admiringly as Simon Griffiths started all over again!! Again a ubiquitous barn provided shelter against the elements.

The final day's hard riding brought them back to their home town where families were happy to welcome them back, tired, but excited, and eyes aglow with health and spirit.

As usual an historian had been appointed, Simon Griffiths had faithfully recorded every town—meal—bun—every cafe—restaurant and snack bar . . . every puncture—bike-failure and minor accident.

The following Sunday the Branch were told of their adventures and heard the testimony of these young men, the dozens of contacts made, kindness given and received; had an impact on their lives and we are sure they impressed everyone with whom they came in contact

Friends

If no-one gave us a word of cheer
Or a handshake on Life's Way,
If no-one spared a thought sincere
Or a smile on a troubled day,
If all honours of life
Just went to the strong,
Leaving nought for you and me
And alone we had to struggle along
What a dreary world it would be.
But giving a word of cheer to the sad
Can brighten the darkest day
And giving our aid when things are bad
Can smooth the roughest way
For the love of serving and gladness to share
The resources of Life depend
And nothing in this world compares
With the making and keeping of friends

—Walter Sutcliffe, Manchester Branch

Faith

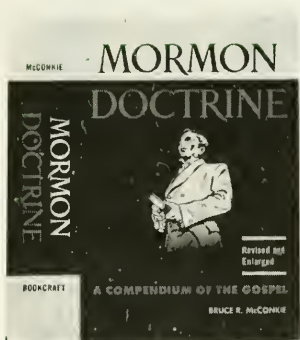
I never lose my faith in God,
Though often in myself
I know that in the realms above
My Father has eternal wealth

He will supply my every need
My greatest wish he can exceed,
And in His wisdom, love and power
He guards his children every hour.

God is the salve for every ill,
If we are faithful to His will
Lord, write Thy Name upon my heart
That from Thy way, I'll ne'er depart

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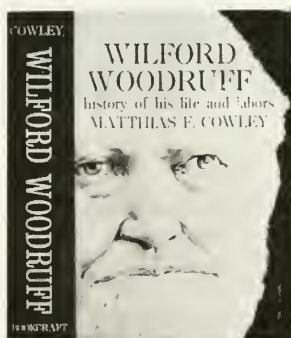
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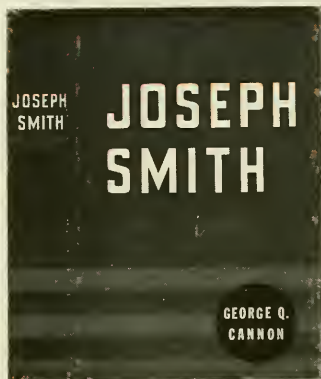


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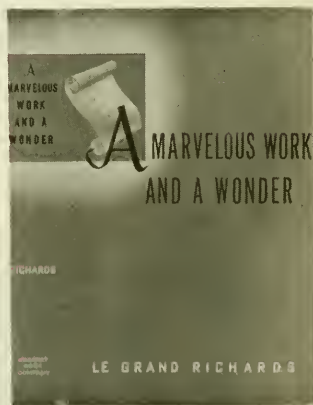
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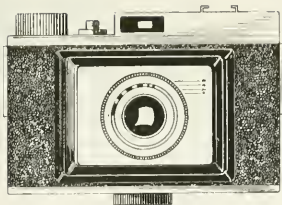
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Cooking For The Sabbath

Grace McKeown, London Temple

★ Sunday, a day of sweet harmony within yourself, your family and with your Heavenly Father. All through the working week we should keep this in mind so that when we rise on the Sabbath day our hearts will be full of thanksgiving for a day of promise in which all can go to the house of the Lord and partake in the Sacrament, renewing our covenants made at baptism. To live this day as we should, we need to prepare. Only then can we expect to receive the full benefit in blessings of this day of rest.

We should have clothes laid ready, children bathed, lessons prepared, household duties done and worries of the office or shop left behind. Before I joined the Church most of Sunday was spent in preparing the much over-done dinner and other meals. Now I have learned that with careful planning nearly all of this can be done on Saturday and it is never necessary to miss a Sunday School meeting.

I have gleaned many recipes from other sisters in Relief Society for we

can all learn from one another. The casserole dish seems to be a favourite and is a great help as it can be left on a very low heat in the oven.

Hot roast on Saturday and cold on Sunday can be the new practice, but a hot meal can be prepared easily and everything ready. I heat the oven and pop the meat in maybe a quarter of an hour before I am to leave, then with a reminder from the rest of the family the heat is turned down. When we return from Sunday School all is ready except for the vegetables but these will only take twenty minutes and by the time hands are washed the dinner is ready to serve. There are so many cold sweets that these can be left for a week day and then no pastry-making on Sunday is necessary. Even the table can be prepared the evening before.

You'll need a little practice, but I assure you it can be done. No frustrated mothers, no hungry children, but a day of peace and rest and true worship to our Heavenly Father.



How To Send In Your News

★ Officially there should be a Millennial Star News Reporter appointed for each Branch and Ward, who collect news items of interest and submit them to their District, Mission or Stake News representative, who in turn send them to our News Editor.

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Points to remember

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a clear concise way, be careful of repetition.

Remember the deadline for each month is the 20th, this means that we want the news before then, otherwise it will have to wait until the next time, which will mean 12 weeks before you see it in print. If you send in photographs, it will help us to return them quicker if you **pencil** your name and address clearly on the back. And please, only send good clear photographs, black and white. Send the photographs with your news items.

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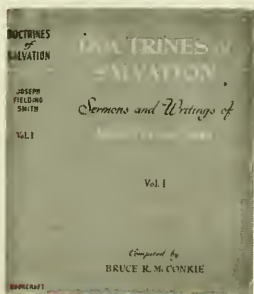
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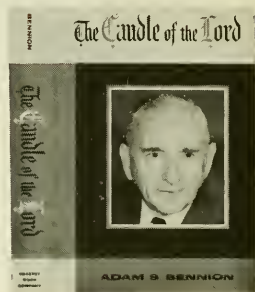
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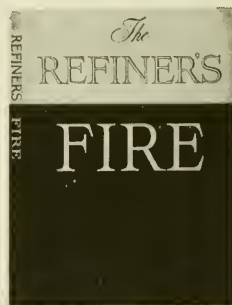
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- 5—Br. South, N. British
- 12—British, Cen. Brit., Irish
- 19—Leicester, S.W. Br., Manchester
- 26—London, Leeds, Sunderland

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- 2—Br. South, N. British
- 9—Brit., C. Brit., Scotland
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- 30—London, S.W. Br.

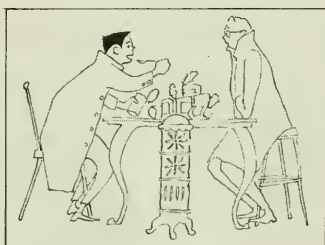
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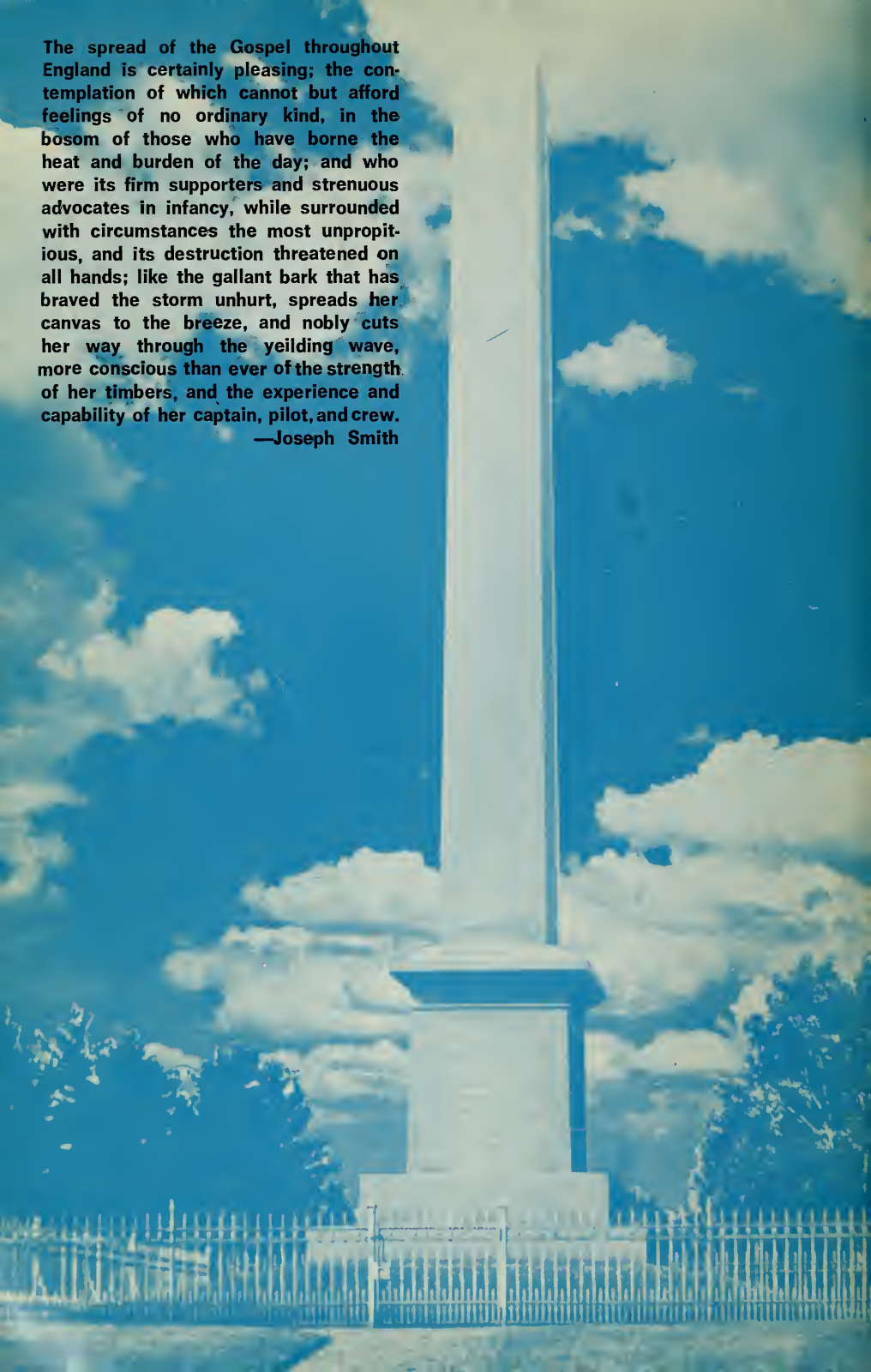
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—Joseph Smith



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Elder Critchlow

He Was A Friend To The "Little People"

★ Funeral services were held early in September for Elder William J. Critchlow Jr., Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, who died Aug. 29, 1968, after a brief illness.

President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, conducted the services in the Ogden Tabernacle. Speakers included Bishop Lewis J. Wallace, a long-time friend, Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve, and President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

President Tanner read the letter from President McKay containing a tribute to Elder Critchlow.

"Sister McKay and I were deeply grieved to learn of the passing of our close friend and loyal associate, Elder Critchlow. I have known him all his life and have always held him in high esteem. Elder Critchlow was a true follower of his Lord and Saviour and was loyal and firm in defending His faith.

"He was an energetic and courageous worker, whose enthusiasm and love for the Gospel touched many lives and influenced many persons to walk more uprightly before the Lord. He was straightforward, ever ready to defend the right and equally prompt to denounce the wrong. . . . He was truly a noble soul."

President Brown eulogized Elder Critchlow as having "clean hands and



Elder Wm. J. Critchlow Jr.

a pure heart." And reminded that that is the type of person who will meet the Master.

"I'd like to bring you my witness that I have no fear of death, although it seems to be knocking at my door sometimes, and although I am surely aware that I will not be with you long. I bear you my witness of the immortality of the soul, that man is a child of God, that time cannot touch God's children. They are eternal, they are spiritual."

Elder Richards noted he had been in charge of the missionary work along

the West Coast of the United States, assisted by Elder Critchlow. "He, (Elder Critchlow) has left a wonderful influence upon their lives as has also his lovely companion who accompanied him. Her spirit and her devotion, and their love for each other, has been an inspiration not only to the missionaries but also the saints whom they have visited."

Elder Critchlow said on many occasions, Elder Richards quoted, "that happiness is a by-product of service." And, Elder Richards noted, that Elder Critchlow exemplified this through his fine life. Through his service his influence has touched many persons for good as he has gone throughout the Church on his assignments.

Bishop Wallace Paid tribute to his friend as "one of great honour and integrity. And in all of my close and intimate associations with him, I never at any time found anything to the contrary."

Bishop Wallace observed that Elder

Critchlow had died on the same day, August 29, as Brigham Young and at the same age 77 in years.

"Some people, you know, leave great wealth, great worldly riches, but Bill Critchlow left to his wife and family and grandchildren, a good name, which is perhaps the greatest gift or estate or treasure one can leave. . . .

"Bill was a family man. He was more concerned, I think about his family, and rightly so, than anything else; and he passed this information on to others.

"As a stake president, he would say to someone who was called to serve in his stake, 'Your first obligation is to your family, then to your calling.'"

Concluding the funeral services a chorus of Primary children sang another of his favourite songs, "I am a child of God." Elder Critchlow always referred to Primary children as "the little people."

He loved to talk to children and they loved to hear his stories.



British Athletic Association

Improvements Noted As More Than 400 Youth Participate In 1968 Finals

★ Improvements in all fields of endeavor and increased competition were noted this year at the recently conducted finals of the British Athletic Association at Manchester Stake Centre.

Pres. Dennis Livesey, president of the Leeds Stake and chairman of the BAA, was particularly pleased with this year's results.

"I feel good about this year's programme. We had more than 400 people participating, a tremendous improvement over last year's finals. The track times were very good indeed."

Equally happy with this year's finals was Pres. J. H. Weightman of Manchester Stake presidency, assistant chairman of the BAA. He said the Assembly Ball on Friday evening was "most successful. The team events registered very little difference in times. The competition was fantastic." The ball was held at Manchester University Hall of Residence.

Sister Weightman who assisted with record keeping and a host of other duties commented, "This has been a great day for youth in the Church . . . I think it is like a Church Olympics. I've seen the standard raised since last year." She explained that for the first time medals were given winners and trophies to teams. Her daughter, Christine, secretary to the BAA, aided in the big record keeping job.

Also aiding with various events were Pres. Derek Cuthbert, Nottingham, assistant chairman to Pres. Livesey; Pres. Pullman of the Southwest British Mission; Pres. Malcolm Coombs, athletic director and zone representative for the BAA; Bro. and Sis. Briant West, Bristol, table tennis; Gordon Magee, table tennis and relays; Ray Farah and Bro. Magee, football; Manchester Netball Umpires Assn., netball; Berniece West, folk dancing; Michael Mills, junior football; John Collier, basketball; Sister Jones of the YWMA, refreshments, assisted



Sister J. H. Weightman, and her daughter, Christine, were kept busy recording results of all events.

by the MIA and Relief Society.

Pres. A. Ray Curtis, Salt Lake City, Utah, regional representative for the Council of the Twelve, for Great Britain, presented awards to winners in the 63 single events and 14 team events.

The track events were staged at Reg Harris Stadium, considered one of the finest tracks in Great Britain.

Bristol District of the Southwest British Mission and London Stake garnered the most first place spots followed by Airdrie District of Irish Mission, Lincoln Branch of the Central British Mission; Plymouth Branch of the Southwest British Mission and the British South Mission.

Winners in the various events follows:

TRACK — 12-14 boys' 100 yards, J. Irving Edinburgh, group five; girls', F. Ringer, London, group one.

15-17 boys' 220 yards, P. Woodhead, British South Mission group seven; girls' A. Willis, London, group one.

Open age, men one mile, W. Adair, Drumchapel, group five; ladies, 4 x 110 yards, relay, Hyde Park, group one.

12-14 boys' 220 yards, J. Irving, Edinburgh group five.

Over 18 men, 220 yards, D. H. McGibbon, Galashiels (Scotland) group five; ladies, M. Tymon, Bristol group seven.

15-17 boys' 100 yards, R. Tate, British South Mission group seven; girls' A. Willis, London group one.

Open age men, 4 x 110 yards relay, Stockport Ward, group three.

Under 18 boys' 440 yards, P. Woodward, British South Mission group seven.

Over 18 ladies' 100 yards, M. Tymon, Bristol group seven; men, D. McGibbon, Galashiels group five.

Over 18 ladies' 440 yards, M. Tymon, Bristol group seven; men, E. Sheard, Dewsbury group four.

Open age, three miles cross-country, B. Hutchinson, Blackpool group three; 12-14, L. Jones, Liverpool group three;

FIELD EVENTS — long jump, boys 15-17, A. Hobbs, London group one; boys 18 and over, N. Jones, Bristol group seven.

High jump, boys 12-14, P. Kilby Bristol group seven; boys 15-17, R. Sherlock, Derby group two; boys 18 and over, N. Jones, Bristol group seven.

Discus, boys 12-14, P. Kilby Bristol group seven; boys 15-17, W. Cannon, Birmingham group two; 18 and over, D. Downie, Airdrie (Ireland) group five.

Shot, under 18, W. Cannon, Birmingham Group two; over 18, D. Wrenn, London group one;

Long jump, girls 12-14, F. Ringer, London group one; girls 15-17, M. Easton, Airdrie, group five; girls 18 and over, K. Hindmarsh, group seven;

High jump, girls 12-14, S. Hamer, Manchester group three; girls 15-17 S. Hamer, Manchester group three; girls 18 and over, M. Williams, Manchester group two;

Discus, girls 12-14, D. Ellaway, Manchester group two; girls 15-17, M. Easton, Airdrie group five; girls 18 and over, H. Coombs, Lincoln group two; Tug of war, Bristol, group seven

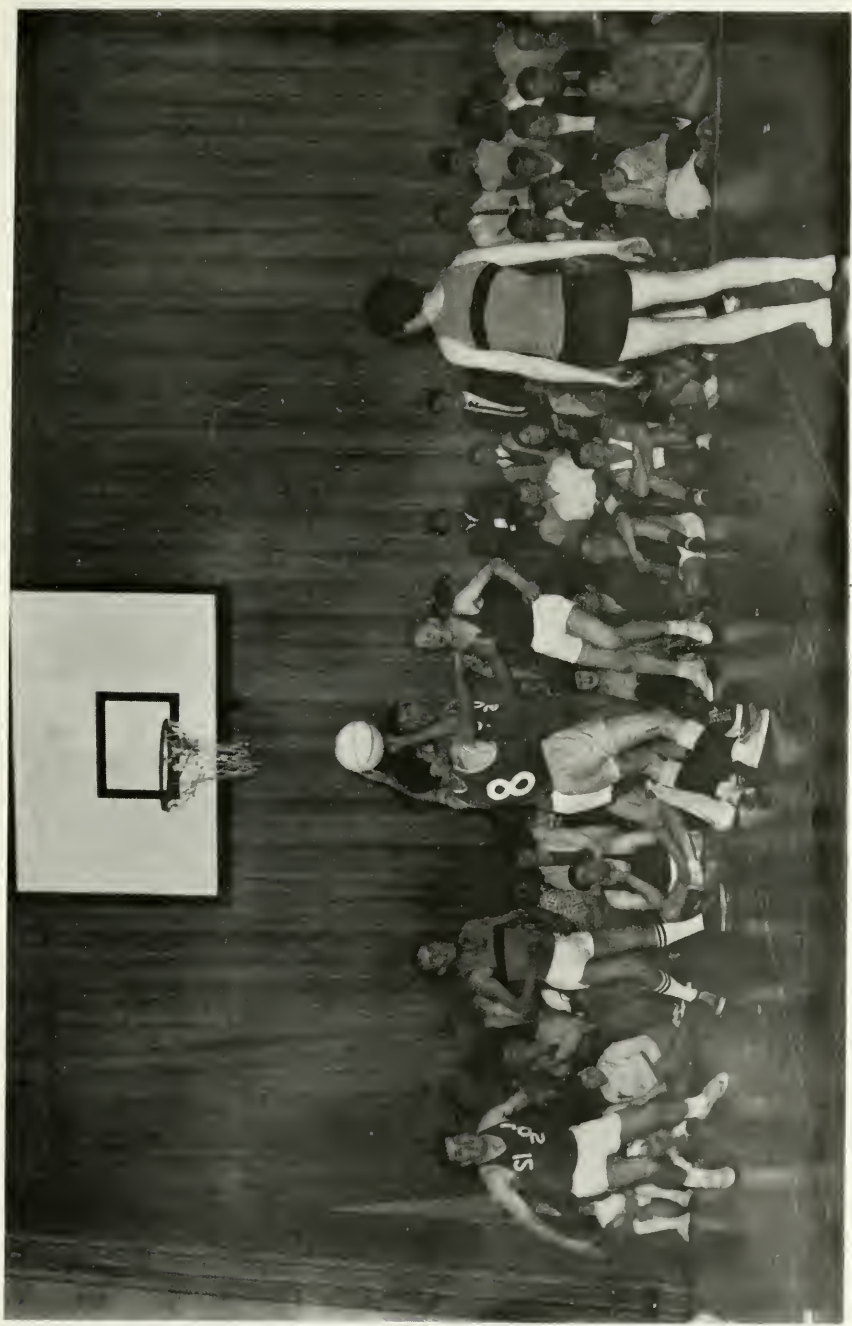
SWIMMING — 12-14 boys, 25 yards free style, P. Kilby, Bristol group seven;

12-14 girls, 25 yards back stroke, J. Towie, Plymouth group seven; 15-17 boys, 50 yards breast stroke, A. Cryer, London group one; 18 and over girls, 50 yards back stroke, S. Arnott, York group four;

15-17 boys, three x 25 yards relay, Bradford, group four;

15-17 girls, 50 yards free style, A. McGinn, Airdrie group five;

18 and over, men, 50 yards free style, M. Coombs, Lincoln group two.



Basketball finals at Manchester draw large crowd in stake centre cultural hall.

BAA Report

18 and over, men, 50 yards back stroke, M. Coombs, Lincoln group two.

12-14 boys, 25 yards back stroke, P. Kilby, Bristol Seven.

12-14 girls, 25 yards breast stroke, J. Towle, Plymouth group seven; 18 and over, ladies 50 yards free style, L. Jackson, Bradford group four;

15-17 boys, 50 yards back stroke, P. Clark, Rawtenstall group three; girls, A. McGinn, Airdrie group five.

12-14 boys, three x 25 yards, relay, Bradford group four, girls, Plymouth, group seven.

18 and over, ladies, 50 yards breast stroke, S. Wilkins, group one.

12-14 girls, 25 yards freestyle, Huli group four;

15-17 girls, three x 25 yards relay, Airdrie, Group five.

12-14 boys, 25 yards breast stroke, P. Kilby, Bristol group seven;

18 and over, men 50 yards breast stroke, R. Kerby, group one.

15-17 boys, 50 yards free style, P. Clarke, Rawtenstall Branch group three;

15-17 girls, 50 yards breast stroke, E. Hunter, Plymouth group seven.

Open age, men, four x 25 yards relay, Hyde Park group one; ladies, Bradford group four.

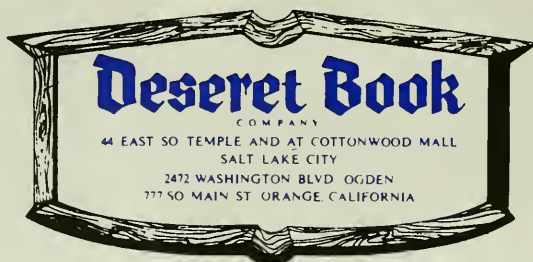
TABLE TENNIS — mens singles, R. Morrell, Bristol group seven; mens doubles, B. Dodd, M. Hughes, Stockport group three; boys singles, C. Doughty,

Preston group three; ladies singles, M. Tilehurst, Ashton group three; ladies doubles, H. Coombs, S. Rose, Lincoln group four; girls singles, P. Church, Northampton group two and mixed doubles, B. West, B. West, Bristol third, group seven.





The Assembly Ball on Friday evening preceding BAA finals was a highlight of this year's programme.



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Teach Them TRUTHS

By President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ No member of this Church can stand approved in the presence of God who has not seriously and carefully read the Book of Mormon, and I think I could add to that also, as far as our brethren are concerned, the Doctrine and Covenants.

We have besides the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants, another record which is priceless, as these records are, that every member of this Church ought to have read, and which I fear many have not read. I have reference to the Pearl of Great Price. It seems to me that a member of this Church would not be able to rest in peace and comfort and have a clear conscience without having knowledge by study and by faith of the standard works of the Church.

These records are priceless. The world mocks at them, but through their teachings we are permitted to come nearer unto God, get a better understanding of our Heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ, become closer acquainted with them and to know more in regard to the wonderful plan of salvation which they have given unto us and unto the world if it will receive the plan that will exalt us in the kingdom of God to become His sons and His daughters, receiving the fulness of that kingdom.

In closing this record, Moroni wrote

these words: "And I exhort you to remember these things; for the time speedily cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, for ye shall see me at the bar of God; and the Lord God will say unto you: Did I not declare my words unto you, which were written by this man, like as one crying from the dead, yea, even as one speaking out of the dust?"

"I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies. And behold, they shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the everlasting God; and his word shall hiss forth from generation to generation.

"And God shall show unto you, that that which I have written is true.

"And again I would exhort you that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift, and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing." (Moroni 10:27-30.)

That is the counsel of Moroni as he closed his record, not only to the members of the Church, but to every soul unto whom this record comes. I bear testimony that I know that the Book of Mormon is true; that Joseph Smith received it from the hand of God through an angel that was sent to reveal it, the same who, while living in this world, finished the record and sealed it up to come forth in this Dispensation of the Fulness of Times.



The Lord has promised us greater knowledge, greater understanding than we find in the Book of Mormon, when we are prepared to receive it. When the brother of Jared went upon the mount to have the Lord touch stones to give them light to light their way across the great ocean, the Lord revealed to him the history of this world from the beginning of it to the end. We do not have it.

The following two passages of scripture from the Book of Mormon relate to this matter:

"And he" (that is, Christ) "did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory—yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapt together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away; . . ." (3 Nephi 26:3.)

All of that was written and given to the Nephites. We do not have that record, and the Lord said this—which is concerning us particularly—and Mormon

wrote it:

"And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.

"And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.

"And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation." (Ibid., 26: 8-10.)

The Lord has promised that we can have that hidden record when we are prepared to receive it.

"For the Lord said unto me: They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.

"And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are." (Ibid., 4:6-7.)

Teach the men who hold the priesthood in their quorums, Teach the members of the Church in their meetings, and also when you visit them in their homes as home teachers. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, teach them to read and study in faith and prayer the revelations the Lord has given us that we may not be deceived and led astray by false teachers.

WORSHIP IS NOT ACCIDENTAL

★ Some claim to have found God in the wind, some in a great Cathedral. There are those who catch a glimpse of His face in the smile of a child, while others hold that the gates of heaven have opened for them—just a chink—in answer to the swelling anthems of great music.

Many of us have at some time or other experienced a thrilling moment when we have felt, heard, or perhaps even caught a glimpse of heavenly things. A moment so fleeting and so exquisite that we would have given everything we have in life to hold on to it or experience it again. It is on occasions such as this that God reveals Himself to us.

If you can recall such an occasion, or if you will believe those who testify of it, you can begin to sense the true meaning of divine worship. In this state you are primed to a point where every selfish thought and self-seeking act dissolves into nothingness. There is a light and a magnetic attraction so intense that every fiber of your being yearns for it. Nothing can hold you back from it. Wealth and possessions seem to crumble away into insignificance as your soul reaches toward that glorious beckoning promise. For one brief ecstatic moment you are engulfed in true worship!

Such an experience as this can come but infrequently at best, once in a lifetime for some of us, never at all for others. Yet like all things that are worth achieving, practice can make perfect, and such an experience can be ours if we work for it.

Even as we ready ourselves to live the law of consecration by practicing the lesser law of tithing, so by regular attendance at Sunday School and other church meetings can we condition ourselves to the art of worship. We have heard much on the need for better reverence in our chapels. But reverence is an outgrowth of worship and cannot be truly achieved without worship as a prerequisite.

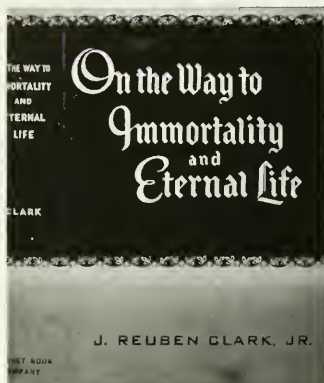
As we meet in Sunday School each Sabbath morning, could we not forget those things which hold us bound to selfish and fretful worldly cares? Might we not there devote our thoughts to the things of God and examine our lives in the light of the Gospel, seeking to evaluate where we stand in the sight of the Lord? This we can only do in quiet contemplation and in an atmosphere of spiritual introspection.

It is not our custom to take off our shoes as we enter our chapels, nor do we make gestures or bend the knee to signify that we love the Lord. But we can show Him honour and respect by seeking to meet Him there and to quietly commune with Him—to this end were our chapels erected and dedicated. Young or old, we need this experience of worship on a continuing basis, as has all mankind from the beginning of time. To practice it, to foster it, to woo it and earnestly seek after it will make it possible for us to live more closely to the Gospel standards of love for God and neighbour.

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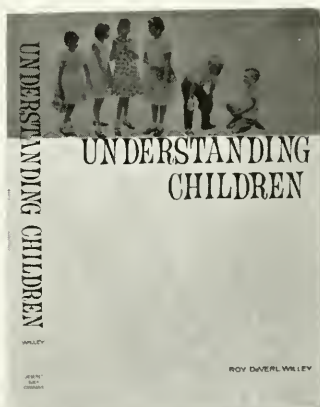
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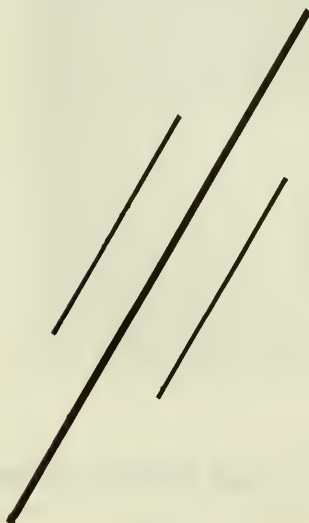
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THE MAN

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"There is no God" the man said,
As he stood before me there.
"There is no God" he muttered
"Otherwise He'd care.
He'd care for the starving children
For the men who are torn by war,
For the sick and weary nations
Who hate and love no more.
For the white man and the coloured
Who no longer understand
That they must live in harmony
Together, hand in hand.
"There is no God" the man said
As he stood before me there.
"There is no God, I know it".
And he glanced at the empty chair
She was all I had to care for,
The love of my wild young days.
God is love,—You say so"!
He looked at me amazed.



I looked at the man before me
Sick and weary in mind
"My friend, do you love your neighbour?
Have you left hate behind?
Have you used your free will wisely,
Done all that is good in life
Thanked God for His many mercies,
And blessed Him for your wife?
Don't blame God for your failures,
Don't make mock of His love,
Pick up the threads and go forward.
Be happy in His love.
"There is a God" the man said,
As he stood before me there.
"There is a God and I knew it
But I didn't want to care.
I have spent my life unwisely,
Now I wonder how I dared."
Then he quietly knelt before me
And he led us both in prayers.

The Prophet Grants Exclusive Interview On His 95th Birthday Anniversary

★ The Millennial Star takes great pleasure in printing some questions put to President David O. McKay on his 95th birthday anniversary. The exclusive

interview was conducted on the prophet's birthday by Henry A. Smith, press secretary of the Church.

President McKay, as you observe your 95th birthday, and keep abreast of world and national affairs, what today are your greatest concerns about present trends?

"As I read the daily press and national magazines and view television news broadcasts, I cannot get my thoughts off the fact that there are two great forces in the world more potent than ever before. Each force is more determined to achieve success, more active in planning, and on the one side—scheming—than ever before.

These two forces are hate and love. The forces of hate are led by Satan and the forces of love by Jesus Christ. Satan's forces are determined to destroy the free agency of man. We have noted this in the recent events in Czechoslovakia where the efforts of leaders to obtain more freedoms for their people have been destroyed by armed forces of the Communist-bloc nations. This event should be a warning to freedom-loving people everywhere in the world.

Free agency is a gift of God. It is a part of the divinity. The world does not comprehend the significance of that divine gift to the individual.

In the spirit of hate, as manifested today in the world, the very existence of God is denied, the free agency of man is taken from him and the power of the state supplanted. I do not know that there was ever a time in the history of mankind when the evil one seemed more determined to take from man his freedom. Man's free agency is an eternal principle of progress, and any form of government that curtails or inhibits its free exercise is wrong.

Force rules in the world today. Individual freedom is threatened by international rivalries and false political ideals. Unwise legislation, too often prompted by political expediency, if enacted, will seductively undermine

man's right of free agency, rob him of his rightful liberties, and make him a

cog in the crushing wheel of regimentation.

What about communism today, do you continue to regard it as a real threat?

Yes. Though it is not a pleasing thought, we must realize that over half the world is under the influence of hate, as manifest by the Communist group and satellities. Of concern to the Christian world is that accompanying the spirit of hate, manifest by the communistic nations, is the denial of the existence of God. In the spirit of hate these men would supplant God . . . they would destory the free agency of man.

The Communists deny Christ and the manifestation of love in His life and teachings. . . They have poisoned un-

told millions of minds against Christ . . . The free world must be constantly on its guard against the ever present communist threat, a threat which is as real as life itself.

I declare to the free world that in the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is Godlines, peace, brotherly kindness, and love, the only powers that will successfully combat these forces of hate and evil. . .

Men may yearn for peace, cry for for peace, and work for peace, but there will be no peace until they follow the path pointed out by the living Christ.

From the vantage point of your age and wisdom, do you have other concerns about conditions and trends?

I wonder whether we are so absorbed in our personal, too-often selfish, pursuits that we have forgotten God and what He has done for us.

It appears that we have forgotten the promises He had made that will bring us victory over evil. It seems to me that never before have the forces of evil been arrayed in such deadly formation as they are now. Few will question the fact that we are living in critical times, and that many people have lost their moorings and are being "tossed to and fro . . . with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

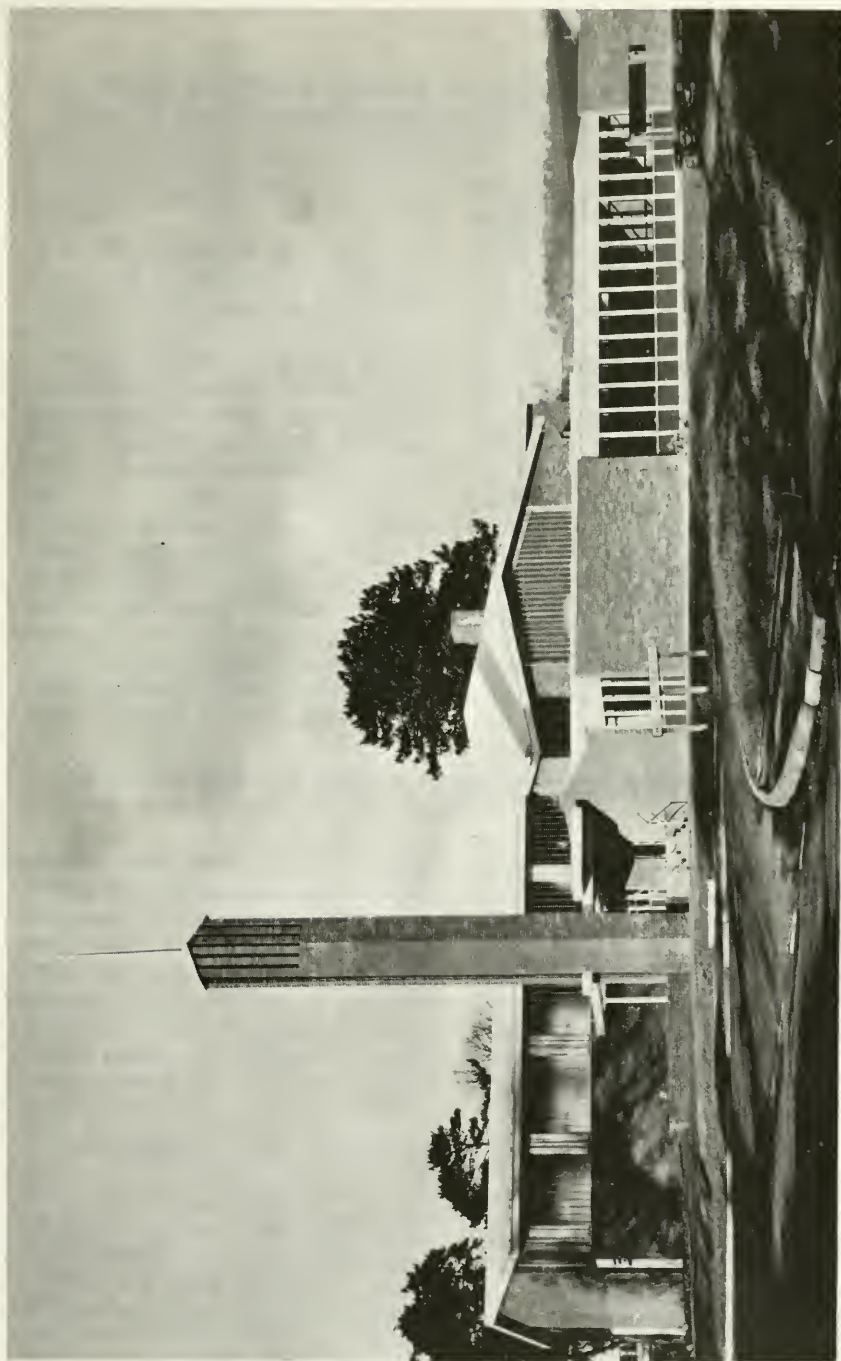
Satan and his forces are attacking

the high ideals and sacred standards which protect our spirituality.

These are first: an increasing tendency to dishonour the marriage vows; secondly, the moral decline and the mounting juvenile delinquency.

Even children are being corrupted by the ever-increasing crime wave.

I am deeply troubled over the increase in crime, assassinations, the high divorce and illegitimacy rates, the increasing incidents of venereal disease, the scandals in high office and other symptoms of private and public dishonesty and moral breakdown. The statistics we read about are frightening indeed. They are a warning that something must be done.



Chapels such as this one at Cardiff. Central British Mission, offers all types of cultural and social development through programmes planned in the beautiful new edifice.

Surely you feel that the Church over which you preside has a responsibility in combatting these evils and perhaps has the remedy for these evils?

The mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to minimize and, if possible, eliminate these evils from the world. It is clearly evident that we are in need of a unifying force, such an ideal is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It explains man's life and its purpose, and has within it the spiritual uplift for which the hearts of most men are yearning.

Right thinking, upright men and women everywhere, prompted by these high Christian ideals are desirous of eliminating from our countries and communities evil elements that are constantly disintegrating society—the liquor problem with its drunkenness, the narcotic habit with all its attendant evils, immorality, poverty, etc. The Church's responsibility is to seek to make both

home and community better and brighter.

It is the duty of parents and of the Church not only to teach, but also to demonstrate to young people that living a life of truth and moral purity brings joy and happiness, while violations of moral and social laws result only in dissatisfaction, sorrow and when carried to extreme, in degradation.

In this day when modesty is thrust in the background, and chastity is considered an outmoded virtue, I appeal to parents especially and to my fellow teachers, both in and out of the Church, to teach youth to keep their souls unmarred and unsullied from this and other debasing sins.

No man can disobey the word of God and not suffer by so doing.

Would you comment further on what you think is the mission of the Church?

It's mission is to proclaim to the world of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—declaring to all mankind that God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ appeared in this dispensation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the Church has a mission to translate truth into a better social order, or in other words, to make our religion

effective in the individual lives of men, and in improving social conditions.

Though the Church is still young and has had to struggle through persecution, mobocracy, drivings, poverty, misrepresentations by egotists, uniformed preachers, apostates, and by a prejudiced public sentiment, it is moving steadily forward toward its world-wide destiny.

Is there any advice or counsel that you would give the membership?

I feel impressed that there is no more important message to give the young men and women and the mothers and fathers, than "to be one," and avoid things that may cause rift among members. I know that the adversary

has no stronger weapon against any group of men or women in this Church, than the weapon of thrusting in a wedge of disunity, doubt and enmity.

The challenge is before us—we cannot fail in the divine commitments

President McKay

given to us as a people. Unity of purpose, with all working in harmony within the structure of Church organization as revealed by the Lord, is to be our objective.

The seeds of discord and confusion

among the masses caused by riots and violence of all sorts make important the need of complete unity within our own ranks, as we see these world-wide disturbances tear apart the home, and undermine our very civilization.

What is your reaction as you view life today and its responsibilities?

I love life! I think it is a joy to live in this age. I appreciate and realize the accomplishments, to a certain degree, of this wonderful atomic age. Scientific discoveries of today stagger the imagination.

The age of the atom has only begun, and no one knows what exciting developments may yet unfold when the atomic research now in progress is completed. Its potential for good far outweighs its potential for destruction.

It is a glorious age in which we live. No thinking man will doubt that this age

is fraught with limitless perils, as well as untold possibilities. There are causes for real apprehension over the world conditions. As we study and learn of the increase in crime, riots and disrespect for law and order, we are alarmed.

It is because of these threatening dangers that the world should become anchored in the eternal truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and realize that there are eternal verities in this changing world.

You said in 1964 that "no other success can compensate for failure in the home." Would you care to comment further on that thought?

One of our most precious possessions is our family. Home is the chief school of human virtues. Its responsibilities, joys, sorrows, smiles, tears, hopes, and solicitudes form the chief interests of human life.

When one puts business or pleasure, or the earning of additional income, above his home, he that moment starts on the downgrade to soul weakness. When the club becomes more attractive to any man than his home, it is time for him to confess in bitter shame that he has failed to measure up to the supreme opportunity of his life, and flunked in the final test of true manhood.

The poorest shack in which love prevails over a united family is of far

greater value to God and future humanity than any other riches. In such a home God can work miracles, and will work miracles. Pure hearts in a pure home are always in whispering distance of Heaven.

Marriage is a sacred relationship entered into for purposes that are well recognized—primarily for the rearing of a family. An ever-decreasing birth rate and an ever-increasing divorce rate are ominous signs threatening the stability of the home and perpetuity of any nation.

The most vicious enemy to home life is immorality. This corroding evil is just as demoralizing to men as to women.

President Isaacson

Religion Will Play Important Part In Any Man's Life

★ Someone has said there are too many people trying to get along without God, and too many nations have turned from Christ. Religion is considered by those who know the meaning of it as the greatest blessing that can come to man. There is no place in the world that does not contain some trace of God. He has left his sacred marks everywhere, and they need only to be found to be realized.

"Religion is the bond that binds man to God. It is the golden arch that leads to happiness; destroy it and chaos will result."

Religion is playing a great part in the lives of men today, and if men would accept the true religion, there would be no war because in the gospel of Jesus Christ, one finds peace, not turmoil; love, not hatred; and the answer to the turmoil in the world and the threat of war is the acceptance of Christ and his teachings, for Jesus is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

The gospel of Jesus Christ will play the most important part in any man's life. "The only man who can be triumphantly hopeful in these days is the man whose heart is knit to the coming of the kingdom of God."

What price for peace? Power? "Power is never good except he be good that has it." The key to all our problems, to life itself, is God our Father. He is every man's first need. One writer has said: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown," and one replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your head into the hand of God—



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that shall be better than a light and safer than a known way."

And this might help: "Oh, God, as I begin this day and this new way of life, I put my hand in thine. May I not miss a step with thee today; may I be controlled by thy love. May my strong urges be taken hold by thy love and turned toward thy kingdom."

What we find in life depends upon what we give life. The same skies are dull and leaden to one, but glorious with their own blue to another. So often we leave beauties and experiences of worth unappreciated and untouched, even unseen. I wonder if we could not change our lives a little and say, "Let us all be kind to one another, for most of us are fighting a hard battle anyway."

Fear Keeps Some From Declaring Faith

★ In the nineteenth chapter of John we read the story of an influential man who was secretly a disciple of Christ, but because of fear, was not openly a disciple. Those who declared themselves as followers of Christ were not popular in Jerusalem during this period of controversy. Joseph of Armathea was secretly a disciple, but his fear of what others might think or do prevented him from declaring his allegiance until after the crucifixion of the Master.

Joseph of Arimathea was a man of wealth and station in Jerusalem. We can assume that he had a wide acquaintance and was a man of influence. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the assembly of seventy-one men constituting the supreme council of the aristocracy which administered the Jewish law. It was because of his membership in this tribunal that he was referred to as "counsellor." Mark refers to him as "... an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, ..." (Mark 15:43.) He waited in the background, doing nothing to support or sustain the Master. No doubt he had heard Jesus and listened to his teachings, for we are told that he was a secret disciple of the Saviour.

When the council was called into session early in the morning, following the Last Supper and the betrayal, Joseph either abstained himself from the council or refused to vote. He took no part in the proceedings, hoping no doubt to save his own conscience. He would not Joseph, if he had taken a strong posi-



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lift a finger to condemn the Saviour, nor would he defend him openly.

There are many like Joseph of Arimathea, who do not declare loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, but merely "wait for the kingdom." Like Joseph they are secret followers of Jesus and halfhearted, lukewarm Christians. Secret disciples of Christ are almost in the same category as those who are antagonistic. They are much the same as persons among us today who have only a halfhearted interest in our great democratic way of life and are as dangerous to the future freedom of the world as those who openly avowed to destroy democracy.

We would have greater respect for

tion in the council and defended Jesus. We cannot assume that this would have changed the judgment or saved him from the cross, because he stated at the supper that he would shortly leave them. Nevertheless, we have respect for one who stands upon moral convictions and upholds the right.

We have more respect for one who honestly doubts than for one who fears to declare loyalty. Thomas doubted. He traveled the path from faith through the valley of doubt to new heights of faith. This is the course that many follow in life. As children we accepted as fact the things which were told to us by our parents or our teachers because of the confidence that we had in them. A little boy will jump from a high place without fear if his father tells him that he will catch him. The little fellow has faith that his father will not let him fall. As children grow older, they commence to think for themselves, to question and have doubts about those things which are not subject to tangible proof. I have sympathy for young men and young women when honest doubts enter their minds and they engage in the great conflict of resolving doubts. These doubts can be resolved, if they have an honest desire to know the truth, by exercising moral, spiritual, and mental effort. They will emerge from the conflict into a firmer, stronger, larger faith because of the struggle. They have gone from a simple trusting faith, through doubt and conflict, into a solid substantial faith which ripens into testimony. The Bible is replete with such examples. We think of Abraham in the Old Testament and Thomas in Christ's time.

Now to return to Joseph of Arimathea, the record does not indicate to us that he doubted as did Thomas. We are told he was "... a disciple of Jesus, but

secretly for fear . . ." (John 19:38.) He believed secretly because he was afraid of public opinion. Among our own people, in our communities, in our nation and throughout the world, there are secret followers of Jesus and halfhearted Christians—onlookers who have a noncommittal attitude. Why is it that so many will not commit themselves?

Joseph of Arimathea was only a secret disciple because of what others would think of him. He would not risk his social position nor the respect of his associates. It is fear that causes men to be noncommittal. They are afraid to declare their loyalty and assume active responsibility. The easy way is to let someone else be the leader and assume the responsibility. The world needs men who are willing to step forward and declare themselves. The world needs men who will lift the load of responsibility to their shoulders and carry it high under the banner of Jesus Christ—men who are willing to defend the right openly. I am always impressed by the missionaries of this Church. They are willing to accept the call to serve two years or more at their own expense and give freely of their time without monetary compensation, to cry repentance and declare that Jesus is the Christ. This is the type of devotion to principle that is needed in the world today.

How can men of conscience ignore the teachings of the Master in their daily affairs, in business, or in government? We stand by and wink at many things because we fear to do anything about them. We may be against crime or communism, but what do we do about it? We may be against corruption in government or against juvenile delinquency, but what do we do about it? We may have a belief in the gospel of

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Jesus Christ, but what are we doing about it? We need to push fear into the background and come forward with a definite, positive declaration, and assume responsibility.

The pathway to exaltation is well defined. We are told to have faith—faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and repent of those things which are not according to his teachings. After this change of mental attitude, and with firm resolution, we must declare ourselves by going into the waters of baptism, thereby making a covenant with the Lord to keep his commandments. Can we thereafter be a secret disciple? Can we stand on the sidelines and merely observe? This is a day for action. This is the time for decision, not tomorrow, not next week. This is the time to make our covenant with the Lord. Now is the time for those who have been noncommittal or who have had a halfhearted interest to come out boldly and declare belief in Christ and be willing to demonstrate faith by works.

We acquire more regard for Joseph of Arimathea as we continue to read. Although he was "a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear . . ." and although he was one who "waited for the kingdom of God," yet he was finally moved to action. The account continues:

"He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded

the body be delivered.

"And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

"And laid it in his own tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." (Matt. 27: 58-60.)

I wonder if there was not a tear in Joseph's eye as he placed the body of Jesus in the tomb. Surely he thought of the events which had taken place earlier on that day, when as a member of the Council he had failed to come to the defense of the Master. Should we not search our own souls and inquire of ourselves if we are loyal? Are we, too, only secret disciples of Christ?

This same Jesus who died on the cross and whose body was placed in the tomb came forth on the third day thereafter. He was resurrected and lives today—the Saviour of the world.

This is my witness. He stands before us with arms outstretched to our vision, and those same words spoken to the disciples in Jerusalem should ring in our ears:

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Ibid., 16:24-25.)

EXPERIENCE

Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.

—Oscar Wilde

World Needs To Know True Concept Of Godhead

By Elder A. Theodore Tuttle

★ "Several years ago in a seminary recognized as perhaps the greatest in this country, a doctor of divinity, who had a string of honorary doctoral degrees and who is on the board of directors of one of the largest Protestant churches in America, in lecturing to a large group of students, most of whom already had bachelor of divinity degrees, said, sympathetically:

"I know that it is difficult for you men to teach creeds which you, yourselves, do not believe, but you have the social obligation to do it."

Another man in the same institution, having about the same academic credentials, declared: "Who knows but what in the year 2004 or some other year, there will live a man who will live more perfectly than did Jesus. Then we will worship him as the Son of God, rather than Jesus. The reasons we worship Jesus as the Son of God is because he lived the most perfect life of any man of whom we have knowledge."

Does the world need the message of Mormonism? I think it needs nothing more than to know the true concept of the Godhead, to have borne upon their souls the testimony that comes through the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, that bears witness to our souls and our hearts that God does live. He is real. He is a glorified, resurrected Being, and he is our Father, and he love us. He "... so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should

not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

Jesus is the Saviour. We declare boldly, yet humbly, to all the world that he is the Redeemer; that he atoned for the sins of man, and he is veritably the Son of God.

I am grateful that we have had restored to us today, another witness that this is so. This witness comes from the Book of Mormon. Nephi saw in vision that Mary was to be the mother of the Son of God after the manner of the flesh. (1 Nephi 11:18.) The Book of Mormon further witnesses that Jesus Christ did come to this people on this continent. It bears testimony that he lives.

I am grateful for the Prophet Joseph Smith, who said he saw two Personages stand above him in the air, and that the one called him by name and said, "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Joseph Smith 2:17.)

My testimony has come to me through the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. I know that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. I am grateful for this witness of the Spirit to my soul.

I would plead with the parents of this Church to prepare their sons to bear this testimony to the world, the only power that will bring peace, because peace is rooted in righteousness. When the hearts of men on this earth can be prepared to receive the witness of the Spirit, all men will be brothers, and then peace can come to our hearts.

How Does The Lord Reveal His Word Today?

By Elder Thomas S. Monson

★ The Prophet Joseph Smith received the definition of truth in a revelation from the Lord at Kirtland, Ohio, May 6, 1833. "... truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come. . . ." (D&C 93:24.)

Preceding almost every declaration of eternal truth has been a universal question; for instance, what man has not asked himself as did Job of old, "If a man die, shall he live again? . . ." (Job 14:14.) And what man has not found comfort in the answer which the angel gave to Mary Magdalene and Mary, the Mother of James, when they approached the tomb to care for the body of the Master. He said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

"He is not here, but is risen: . . ." (Luke 24: 5-6.)

Thousands of honest, searching souls continue to be confronted by that penetrating question which coursed through the mind of Joseph Smith as he surveyed the declarations made by the churches of his community concerning who was right and who was wrong. Joseph said: "In the midst of this war of words and tumult of opinions, I often said to myself: . . . Who of all these parties are right; . . . If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?"

". . . I at length came to the determination to 'ask of God,' . . ." (Joseph

Smith 2:10, 13.) He prayed. The results of that prayer are best described in Joseph's own words:

" . . . I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other— This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Ibid., 2:17.) Joseph listened. Joseph learned. His question, "What is truth?" was answered.

Perhaps one of the most significant exchanges of question and answer occurred when Jesus was taken before Pilate. Pilate asked the Master, "Art thou a king . . . ? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." (John 18:37.)

Is the voice of the Lord heard today? How does it come to man? Can your search for truth be guided by his voice? Can mine? Today, as always when the true Church of Christ is on the earth, there stands at its head a prophet. And just as the voice of the Lord came to Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah, it has likewise come to latter-day prophets.

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7.)

Do we need a prophet today? Does

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God regard his children today as dearly as he did when Amos, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel were on the earth? One of the foremost educators in America, Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, described the need in these words: "We have the peculiar spectacle of a nation, which to a limited extent, practices Christianity without actively believing in Christianity. We are asked to turn to the church for enlightenment, but when we do we find that the voice of the church is not inspired. The voice of the church today is the echo of our own voices. And the result of this experience already manifest is disillusionment. The way out is the sound of a voice, not our voice, but a voice coming from somewhere not ourselves in the existence of which we cannot disbelieve. It is the task of the pastors to hear this voice, cause us to hear it and tell us what it says. If they cannot hear it or if they fail to tell us what it says, we as laymen are wholly lost. Without it we are no more

capable of saving the earth than we were capable of creating it in the first place."

From still another field of endeavor, Sir Winston Churchill described the need: "I have lived perhaps longer experience than almost anyone 'and I have never brooded over a situation which demanded more patience, composure, courage and perseverance than that which unfolds itself before us today—the need of a prophet."

How grateful we should be that revelation, the clear and uncluttered channel of truth, is still open. Our Heavenly Father continues to inspire his prophets. This inspiration can serve as a sure guide in making life's decisions. It will lead us to truth.

You do not find truth groveling through error. Truth is found by searching, studying, and living the revealed word of God. We learn truth when we associate with truth. We adopt error when we mingle with error.

The Lord instructed us concerning how we, might distinguish between truth and error when he said: "... that which doth not edify is not of God, and is darkness.

"That which is of God is light; . . ." (D&C 50: 23-24.)

A few years ago I attended a large youth conference at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A part of the conference was a testimony meeting where the young men and young women could express the feelings of the heart.

A shy boy from Saskatchewan, standing before such an imposing audience for the first time, said, "Before I attended this youth conference I could say, 'I think the gospel is true.' Then I received instruction, participated in the activities, and felt of the spirit of all of you. Today, at the conclusion of these inspired events, I proudly, yet

humbly, declare 'I know the gospel is true.'" He had been edified. He had been enlightened. He had found the truth.

For those who humbly seek, there is no need to stumble or falter along the pathway leading to truth. It is well marked by our Heavenly Father. We must first have a desire to know for ourselves. We must study. We must pray. We must do the will of the Father. And then we will know the truth, and the truth will make us free. Divine favour will attend those who humbly seek it.

Sometime ago I was privileged to set apart William Agnew for his mission. I reviewed with him his conversion and that of his family, some years ago in eastern Canada. The family had been seeking truth. The missionaries called and presented the teachings of the gospel. The members of the family studied. They loved what they learned. They were approaching the decision to be baptised. One Sunday morning the family, by previous appointment, were preparing to attend the "Mormon" Sunday School. Mother and the children readied themselves but were disappointed when Dad concluded not to attend. They even argued somewhat about the decision. Then Mother and the children went to Sunday School, and Dad angrily stayed at home. He first attempted to forget the misunderstanding by reading the newspaper, but to no avail. Then he went to his daughter Isabelle's room and turned on the radio which occupied her night stand, hoping to hear the news. He didn't hear the news. Rather, he heard the Tabernacle

Choir. Elder Evans' message, it seemed, was directed personally to him. Brother Agnew realized the futility of his anger. He was now overpowered by a feeling of gratitude for the message he had just received. When his wife and family returned home, they found him pleasant and happy. His children asked how this change had come about. He told them how he had turned on the radio, hoping to get the news, only to be humbled by the message of the choir in word and song. His daughter said, "Which radio did you use, Dad?" He answered, "the one on your night stand." She replied, "That radio is broken. It hasn't played for weeks." He led them to the room to prove that this radio did indeed function. Hadn't he just heard the choir and a message that had inspired and humbled him? He turned the proper dial. But that radio didn't play. Yet when an honest seeker after truth needed the help of God, that radio did play. The message which led to conversion was received. Needless to say, the family became stalwart members of the Church.

There will be those who doubt, who scoff, who ridicule, who scorn. They will turn from the pathway leading to eternal truth and rather travel the slippery slopes of error and disillusionment.

But to those who honestly seek, those to whom so much has been given, to the faithful, the Lord our God has promised:

"For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they . . . shall abide the day." (Ibid., 45:57.)

Two Dundee Girls Graduate As Primary School Teachers

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Our congratulations to Louisa Leece of the Dundee East Branch, and Nancy Shaw of Dundee Branch who have graduated as Primary School teachers after three years study at Dundee College.

★ Dundee members are also celebrating the fact that they won the Scottish Mission Road Show finals held at Hamilton on June 29th, with their production of "It's a Square World". The show was produced by Mary Grubb and directed by Georgina Clancy.

★ Kilmarnock Branch held a "Sunshine Dance" in their Cultural hall on Aug. 3rd. The hall, which was decorated by the M.I.A. showed posters of countries all round the world. A children's fancy dress parade opened the evening, and the prize winners were: Barrie Sim as Alladin, David Chisholm a clown and Maureen Sim as a tramp. The winners received a rosette, and all who participated received a small prize.

Dancing was organised by the M.I.A. and games were under the direction of the Primary. Refreshments were served by the Sunday School making it a real branch affair as the Relief Society entertained with singing and dancing from Scotland, England, Ireland Wales, Holland, Switzerland and Hawaii. During the evening, Pres. John L. Raeburn took charge of an auction sale, the proceeds of which went towards the branch budget. Everyone present received a garland to wear and there



Louisa Leece and Nancy Shaw at their graduation.

was certainly plenty of Sunshine during the evening!

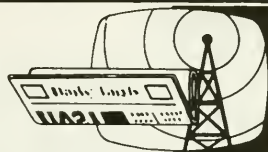
BRITISH MISSION

★ Saturday June 15th, was 'Ladies Night' in Ipswich, when the priesthood sponsored an evening in honour of their ladies.

The function began with a reception at 7 o'clock, when the ladies met prior to dinner to enjoy a delicious fruit-cup. Dinner began shortly afterwards with 30 sisters seated with Mission Pres. and Sister Reed Callister, who were guests of honour, and Pres. and Sis. Stewart of the district presidency, and Branch Pres. Andrus and his wife. These three brethren were the only ones allowed to dine.

The three course meal was cooked

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by Jack Jacobs of the district presidency, and the menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, chicken as the main course and strawberry flan. Four young men acted as waiters, and did a very professional job, while other brethren helped in the kitchen.

Speeches were made by Pres. Callister who proposed a toast to 'the Ladies', the response was made by Gladys Packe, Ipswich Relief Society president. The visitors toast was made by Joan Andrews to which Sis. Callister responded with many humorous remarks. Toastmaster for the occasion was Jeffrey F. Packe, committee chairman.

After dinner the ladies and guests retired to the ballroom to witness the cabaret act of 'Unami' the magician assisted by Sharon Truby, who made a magnificent assistant to the art of legerdemain! Among the many tortures endured by Sharon was the 'Chinese

Torture' Cabinet and the Guillotine! Screams could be heard from the audience as the blade crashed through her neck, but thanks to the illusion created by 'Unami' Sharon still lives to tell the tale!

Dancing followed the entertainment, and only then were the husbands permitted to join their wives. Music for the occasion was provided by Derek Dawdry, who also acted as master of ceremonies and saw that each sister received a small gift. He was also responsible for the table decor, and acted in the capacity of candid cameraman! Acknowledgement must also be made of the missionaries, who did most of the chores in the kitchen along with the other brethren.

The ladies expressed their appreciation; for them it most certainly was a night to remember!



Ladies' night at Ipswich Branch. At the head table are Pres. Reed Callister of the British Mission and Sister Callister.

Unami prepares to behead his assistant, Sharon Truby.



★ A dinner and social was organised by the Lowestoft Officers and teachers to raise funds for the Sunday School outing during July. About forty members were present including visitors from the Gorleston Branch.

The outing took place on Aug. 3rd, when some thirty children and ten adults went by coach to Gt. Yarmouth and visited the circus. They were treated to ice creams during the interval.

On their return to the chapel at 5-15 p.m. a tea was waiting for them, with plenty for everyone, and there was more ice cream and jelly. Later on they

enjoyed games, and there was at least one prize won by each child.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A "Charity Variety Show" was held at the Grimsby-Cleethorpes Branch on Aug. 2nd/3rd, on behalf of the Lindsey Physical Handicapped Children.

Elder Wimmer and his companions, together with Karen Knudsen and Christopher Wright, worked very hard to ensure the success of the show, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cleethorpes, Counsellor and Mrs. Leam.

Mary Adams, soprano, received a great ovation and Karen Knudsen's monologue caused great merriment and applause, while Mr. E . . . magician of great talent, mystified the audience with his tricks, and was one of the great successes of the evening. All the other artists were equally good, and they came from other local organisations and gave their services free to the cause.

Peter Dewint acted as compere, and added greatly to the enjoyment with his witty remarks and skill with cards. The sum of £20 was later presented to the Mayor for the Physically Handicapped children.

★ Hull District M.I.A. held a barn dance at Manor Farm, Beverley. Refreshments were prepared by the Branch sisters, while the priesthood made hot dogs on an open fire in the barn yard; over 200 attended. The barn was gaily decorated for the occasion, and music was by the Hull Folk Dance Group. Success of the evening can be judged by the amount taken on the refreshments, over £11, which was greatly appreciated by the Beverly Budget Fund!

★ A barbeque was organised by the Warrington Branch on 17th August, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Edwards, at Sutton Weaver. Eighty people attended from branches in the Liverpool District, and they feasted on chicken and sausages. Games were played and then barn dancing concluded a wonderful evening's entertainment.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ A group of Mormon Pioneers rode through Tipton on June 1st, on a horse-drawn covered wagon, singing popular Latter-Day Saint hymns and distributing pamphlets. They attracted the attention of hundreds of onlookers and won 2nd

prize in the Adults section of Tipton Carnival float competition.

The youth of the Church, including two missionary elders, dressed up in traditional pioneer outfits, and with the help of the Missionaires converted a scrap merchants cart into an authentic looking wagon. Everyone who took part in the colourful parade had a wonderful time, for not only did they provide a good witness for the Church, but they helped the carnival organisers to raise a substantial sum for local charities. However, at the end of the five mile trek, none of them were envious of the original pioneers and the hardships they had to endure.

★ A garden fete was held in the grounds of Leicester Chapel to raise money for the budget. Ernest Bray, John Diaper, George McTurk and Barry Lunt were instrumental in the planning, advertising and smooth running of the fete itself. It was well attended and a putting course and side shows consisting of various games of skill attracted a lot of attention, with some good prizes for the highest scores. Songs from the Missionaires and Leicester Ward Folk group were popular, and the glorious sunshine added to the pleasure of the day. Over £40 was raised during the afternoon.

The sun did not shine through at the Ward's Lihoma Holiday, which was held at the chapel and attended by the Lihoma girls, their mothers and grandmothers. The evening, with games and refreshments was a happy one despite the weather conditions outside.

★ On July 6th, members of the Birmingham Ward could be seen walking around a 3½ mile route as many times as possible. They were taking part in an MIA sponsored walk to raise money for the Building Fund. At 9.0 a.m. the group of

30 people assembled at the Central British Mission Home in Sutton Coldfield, which was the start of the lap, and after a prayer set out on the walk. By the time it was completed, some 300 miles had been walked in all, and it is hoped that when all the money has been collected over £100 will have been raised.

David Mace, member of the Birmingham Ward who is a champion race walker in the Midlands, with the help of the M.I.A. leaders, arranged the day.

★ The priesthood cooked a dinner for 21 sisters of the South Birmingham Ward Relief Society on July 31st. The sisters were welcomed at Bishop Tennants house before being taken by car to the home of Bro. and Sis. Lake, where a five course meal was thoroughly enjoyed. Frank Lidiard made an excellent 'wine' waiter in his dealings with the fruit punch and pineapple juice. At the close of the evening the sisters were all driven back to their homes.

Sixteen mothers and daughters arrived at the home of Primary Pres. Alvina Shore for the Ward's Lihoma Fashion Fantasy, where they had a tea party. Afterwards ingenious dresses were shown off at the fashion display, with ideas ranging from a 'print dress' made of newspaper, to a gardening hat of vegetables. After the games came the graduation of two young sisters, Vicki Tennant and Alison Such who now enter M.I.A.

★ The Stake Music Festival was held at Leicester on July 13th with about 200 attending, including the 65 competitors. The adjudicators were Donald Royle, of the Stake High Council, and Ada Lenton, the Weston Park Branch organist. The compères were John and Olive Diaper of Leicester Ward. At the

end of the evening certificates were presented by Pres. Poole to the following winners:

Youngs Men's solo: Tom Liddicott. Leicester.

Young Women's solo: Mary Smith Leicester.

Duet: Elizabeth Hooker and June Joseph. Nuneaton.

Trio: Leicester Ward.

Quartet: Nottingham and Leicester Wards, and Nuneaton Branch.

Choral: Mansfield Branch.

Instrumental: June Joseph. Nuneaton Branch.

Instrumental/Vocal: Jim Bakewell, Leicester Ward.

Family Group: Jayes' Family. Leicester.

★ The 2nd Quorum of Elders held their Father and Son weekend on July 20th, when nine dads and eleven lads travelled to Cannock Chase for a weekend camp. This area of open heathland north of Birmingham is an ideal place for a camp, and on arriving on the Friday evening tents were soon pitched and the camp organised. An enjoyable two hours round the camp fire followed, singing to the accompaniment of Joe Eastwood's mouth organ.

The party retired to bed very reluctantly, but there was no reluctance to get up on Saturday morning. Those who had slept were awakened by a 'dawn chorus' from a large Alsatian dog at 3 a.m. It was Jack Coleman's dog objecting to some deer invading the camp site. The rest of the camp, including Quorum Pres. Wood, arose late in the morning at 5 a.m., but the cook could not be awakened until 6.30. This was only accomplished then by the hungry campers doing an Indian dance with plenty of whoops, around his tent. At last Trevlyn Slater, with the help of Charles Perry served up the much

needed breakfast of bacon, eggs and beans.

The morning was occupied with a ramble through the woods, where deer were spotted and where the youngest member of the camp, a five-year-old, was shown a wood pigeon and remarked "That it didn't look much like a wooden one to him"

Dinner, with a choice of lamb chop or stew, nearly ended in tragedy, when the cook shouted that he had some more potatoes left, he nearly got trampled on in the rush.

During the afternoon a demonstration of obedience was given by Bro. Coleman and his Alsation, Bruce, which impressed everyone. A cricket match took up the rest of the afternoon, by which time they were all ready for the next meal!

Games of various kinds followed, while Joe Eastwood was hard at work preparing for the camp fire session in the evening, at which more food was consumed—fish and chips and pop, plus a few pounds of roasted potatoes.

The Chase Warden visited the camp twice, and said that he was pleased with the order and cleanliness of the camp, which reflects on the good behaviour of our boys. It was a very happy bunch of fathers and sons who returned from this weekend camp, with only two things to say: "Thank you Second Quorum" and "When is the next one?"

★ The Stake Primary Trail Builders Roundup was held in glorious sunshine on Aug. 10th. The stake was once again divided into three zones, and the meeting at Woodsetton took advantage of the sun so that the families could enjoy the beautiful view from the grounds as the boys raced around on a Treasure Hunt. This caused great excitement and fun, especially when the treasure was

found, to be a packet of Smarties for each one. Roast potatoes afterwards were very welcome, and a sing song ended the afternoon.

Leicester, Loughborough and Western Park Branch, met at Leicester Chapel, where after the talks and advancement ceremony, food was served from a chuck wagon, and the soup, hot dogs, roast potatoes and chocolate cake were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Hot dogs and boy type teas were also appreciated by the wards meeting at the Nottingham chapel, in fact it is reported that one boy ate 13 hot dogs. Nottingham, Derby and Eastwood wards met for this roundup which was organised by Joan Green of the Stake Primary board.

★ Life has been pretty hectic for the Nottingham saints recently. For a week they collected and sorted Jumble from the houses around the Church and then on Aug. 10th, a lorry and a fleet of cars transported it to the Meadow's Community Centre where they held a Mammoth Sale. The takings topped £46 and they still have enough left over to hold another sale without doing any more collecting.

Exactly two weeks later the same team spirit prevailed as stalls were decorated, flags pegged around the grounds in preparation for their annual Garden Party. The weather was extremely kind, but unfortunately half of the wards's younger members were away at Manchester participating in the all British Athletics finals. Over £40 was taken during the afternoon, £25 of which was for the Ward Budget.

Visitors tried their skill at hoopla, darts and other side shows, the most popular was trying to find the right string which would tip a bucket of water over Fred Whiting, towards the

end of the afternoon it became a little frayed and easy to distinguish, but Fred endured till the end.

On the competition side, there was a Fancy Dress parade for the children, cake competition and miniature flower arrangement for the ladies. The Mission-Aires entertained in the cultural hall where refreshments were served at small tables. In the evening Geoff Harris, who was mainly responsible for the planning of the garden party, valiantly stayed on to comper a dance for the young ones who still had some energy left.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

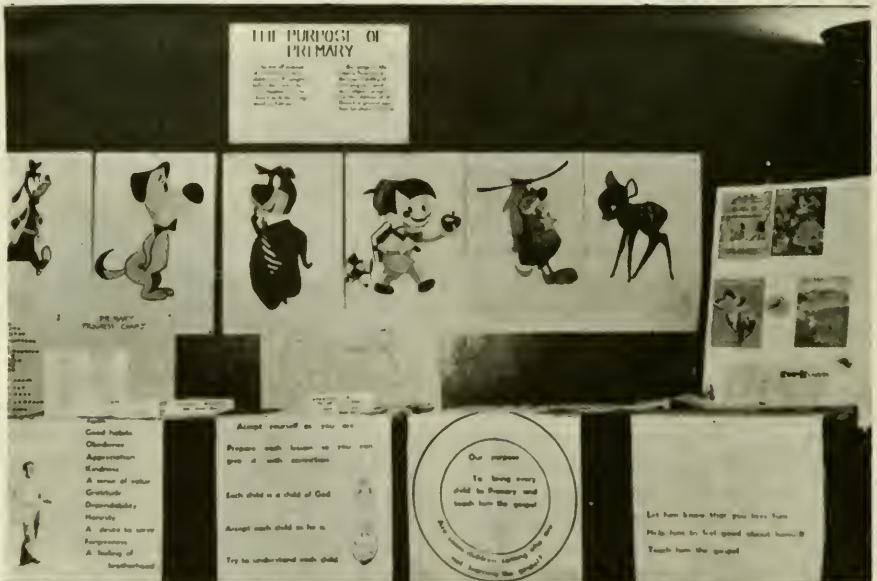
★ An Open House and Information Centre was held on 16th/17th Aug. at the Electric Hall, Torquay, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The film "A Visit to Temple Square" was shown almost continuously during these times. Branch members and the missionary elders

worked very hard to prepare the displays and the results were a great success. They were also stationed outside the hall throughout both days, and it was largely due to their efforts, that over 100 people visited the exhibition. A record of the Mormon Choir of England was playing softly during the intervals between film showings.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Both the County and General Hospitals in Hereford received many visits by the local saints last month, as two members of the Hereford Branch, Heather Peverell and Geoff Boucher were both patients for varying periods of time. Heather entered the County Hospital late one Sunday evening for an emergency operation for appendicitis, and was discharged 10 days later.

Geoff collapsed on his way to work and after two weeks of tests was also



Primary display at Torquay with pictures drawn by Elder Blanchard.



Bible and Book of Mormon display by the missionaries.

Model of typical Mormon chapel made by B. Poole.



operated on for appendicitis. Both are now out and about, again, although Geoff had to return for a further minor operation.

It has become the practice in their branch M.I.A. that whenever someone has a birthday on an M.I.A. night, they

are honoured. Ashley Prosser celebrated his birthday on Aug. 8th, but was unable to attend M.I.A. that night as he was at a local Cub Camp. Not to be outdone, the M.I.A. travelled out to Ashley and thoroughly enjoyed the evening taking part in the camp-fire activi-

MIA leaders at Central British Mission youth convention.



ties, and witnessing the ceremonial bumping of Ashley by his fellow cubs.

The branch outing took place in August, and a full coach left Hereford on a very wet and windy morning. Before many miles had been covered the sun came out in all its glory, and the branch members had a wonderful journey through the picturesque Wye Valley. Their destination was Bristol, and on arrival they explored the city, then some went ice skating, most of them using the conventional method on their feet, but a few using a wider expanse of their anatomy. The Magnet Bowl was another great attraction. Later, a tired but happy party spent the homeward journey singing to the accompaniment of a guitar played by Robert Eden.

A Family Home Evening Activity held at the home of Pres. and Sis. Burton was attended by fourteen members. Graham Burton acted as M.C. and kept everyone on their toes participating in

various events. After all forfeits had been paid, a supper of cheese and onion pie and peas, was served before members left for their respective homes.

★ Approximately 75 people between the ages of 12 and 15 years, from the Mission, took part in a most successful and enjoyable convention held at the Northampton Chapel on 3rd/4th Aug.

The morning and afternoon were taken up with sports activities including 5 a-side football, netball, basketball etc., with only a short break for a light lunch.

This was followed by a banquet and evening's entertainment, each district presenting a 15 minute show based on the theme of the convention "We're on the upward trail".

On the Sunday morning an M.I.A. film was shown followed by a religious service with speakers from each district basing their talks on the theme.



Young people queuing up for food at the Central British Mission convention.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ A dinner and social evening was held at the Exeter Branch on 24th Aug., organised by the presidency. Thirty-five members enjoyed a first class meal by candlelight, amidst floral table decora-

tions that delighted the eye. Dulcie Batchelor and Linda Richards decorative talents were certainly shown at their finest.

The social side was entrusted to M.C. Pres. Merrill Heimendinger who added sparkling continuity to the acts, which ranged from a take-off of "Budgie Man" Freddie Davis, to a rustic skit on the "Archers" entitled "The Parkers of Umbridge", which was well acted and warmly received. The programme ended with some brilliant piano playing by Elder Munns.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On 31st July, Middlesbrough Ward Primary held an outing to Redcar. About 25 children and five parents attended. Fortunately it was a fine day and they held races and competitions and everyone enjoyed their day at the seaside.



Book of Mormon displays at the open house held at Exeter, Southwest British Mission. Relief Society Sisters of Exeter prepared this display for the open house. Sis. Dorothy Perry is the branch Relief Society president. These articles were made by the sisters in their work meetings.



Recipes



APPLE RECIPES

★ Apple time is here again and with it crisp, cool air that makes good, wholesome meals most welcome. Apples can be prepared in a variety of ways. They can be used in a meat dish as part of the main course, in a salad to be served with a nourishing casserole or as a dessert to finish off a hearty meal. Here are four recipes that you may find different from usual fare to try on your family.

RED BEAN CASSEROLE

Soak 2 lbs. kidney or red beans in water overnight. Drain. Cover with fresh water and cook slowly until skins break. Drain again. In a saucepan combine the following:

- 1 lb. mince
- 2 cups thinly sliced onions
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
- 4 cups of peeled sliced apples
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 4 cloves of crushed garlic

Bring quickly to a boil, add beans. Cook 2 hours or until beans are tender but not soft. Serves 16. If you wish, you can buy the stewed kidney beans in tins, drain them, and add the sauce made from the other ingredients. Bake for 1 hour.

WALDORF SALAD

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream (commercial)
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 3 cups peeled, cored and diced tart apple
- 2 cups diced celery
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 2 cups halved, seeded red grapes (optional)

Mix the mayonnaise, sour cream and honey together. Add the apple and blend well with the dressing to prevent discolouration. Add the celery and walnuts—mix again and chill. For a change try this salad with the addition of grapes. Six to eight servings.

APPLE DESSERT

Peel and core 6 to 8 apples. Cook in 3 cups water and 1 cup sugar, with a little red food colouring. Cook until tender. Put each apple into a cup or fruit dish and fill loosely with chopped nuts and pineapple. Make a pkg. of lemon jelly and pour over apples. Chill. Top with cream if desired.



APPLE SQUARES

This is an American recipe and so the standard measurements are used. You can use the conversion chart printed in the September Millennial Star to find correct weight of ingredients.

1 egg, well beaten

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup flour

1 tsp. baking powder

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup evaporated milk

2 cups sliced apples

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup walnuts (optional)

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon

Topping

1 tbsp. sugar, and 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix ingredients together. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes in an 8" x 8" cake pan. Sprinkle topping over batter before baking.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

★ To slice potatoes thin, dip the knife blade in boiling water.

To prevent potatoes from turning dark when peeled, put them in salted water until ready to use.

If you don't have time to bake potatoes, parboil them 5-10 minutes and they'll bake very fast.

If olive oil is cloudy from having been frozen, add a little salt, about $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon to each cup. Let it stand for a few minutes in a warm place, and it will clear.

NEWS CONTINUED

LONDON STAKE

★ The athletics match between the London stake and the British Mission was held at the Battersea Park Athletic Track on July 27th. All the field and track events as laid down by the All-British Athletic Association were held and the winners chosen to compete at the Manchester finals. An inter-ward competition on a points basis was also held, and the winners were North London Ward.

The Swimming competitions took place in the evening at a Gala held at Chelsea Baths; there the inter-ward winners were Epsom Ward.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ April 20th—To John and Myra Watson, Scarborough Branch, North British Mission, a son, Gordon Andrew.

★ June 1st—To Peter and Cathie Cameron, Glasgow Stake, a son, James Elliot.

★ July 7th—To Terry and Jillian Bedford, Leicester Ward, Leicester Stake, a son, David Martin.

★ July 8th—To A. W. and Dorothy Wynne, Chester Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Donna Marie.

★ July 15th—To Mike and Pat Reynolds, Scarborough Branch, North British Mission, a son, Jonathan Edward.

★ July 24th—To Harry and Maureen Beaumont, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Margaret Ann.

★ August 9th—To Kenneth and Sadie Scoby, Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Mark Fenton.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ David Paul Varzandt and Susan Elizabeth May, both members of the Lowestoft Branch celebrated their engagement with a party in the Cultural Hall on July 26th. About 80 members and friends attended.

★ Allan Leslie Dolben and Christine Scaife, both of Scarborough Branch and Elizabeth Earnshaw and Stephen Speight also of Scarborough Branch.

★ Delwyn Richardson and Susan Carvell, both members of the Middlesbrough Ward.



Gregory Hall and Margaret Davies announce their engagement.

★ Gregory Hall and Margaret Davies, both of Staines Branch. Church activity has helped their romance to blossom, they serve together as superintendent and president of the Branch M.I.A.

★ James Rankin of Nottingham Ward and Susan Josephine Bray of Leicester Ward.

MARRIAGES

★ Margaret Kilgour and James White, both converted to the Church in the Norwich Branch, were married earlier this year at the Norwich Chapel. Pres. Kenneth Warren performed the ceremony. Afterwards a hundred and thirty-three guests attended the reception dinner.



Margaret Kilgour and James White cut the cake at their reception in Norwich Chapel.

★ Paul Engene Besaw and Sandra Mary Guscott were married at the Peterborough Chapel on June 8th. The ceremony was conducted by Pres. Farrell G. Young of the Huntingdon Branch, who like the bridegroom is serving with the U.S. Forces. The bride wore a full length dress of white satin with a train trimmed with daisies; her shoulder length veil held in position by a single white rose was also edged with daisies.



Paul Besaw and Sandra Guscott following their wedding at Peterborough.

GOLDEN WEDDING

★ Harold and Rhoda Tinson of the Nottingham Ward celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 8th, they were married in 1918. They first met during the 1914-18 War, when Mr. Tinson was a patient in the Baythorpe Hospital and Sis. Tinson was visiting with a Chapel group who had gone to sing to the wounded soldiers.

Sister Tinson joined the Church in 1927 and has served as Derby Relief Society president and at the same time Nottingham District R.S. president, the latter position she held for 23 years. She still serves as a Visiting Teacher and presents the Visiting Teacher lesson in the Nottingham Ward.

The couple have five children, four sons and one daughter (Alma Olsen whose husband Richard is Bishop of the University Ward, Pocatello, Idaho.) They have 12 grand-children and two great-grand-children.

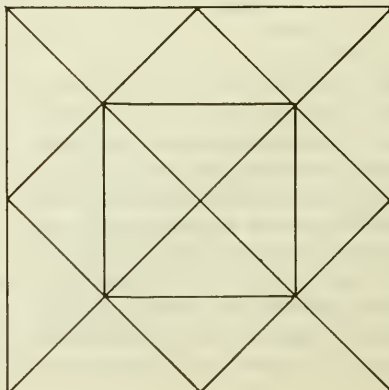
Guess Who?

1. Who were the group of people in the Book of Mormon that first came to the American continent?
2. Who was the first king of the Jaredites?
3. What was the name of the last and only man to survive the destruction of the Jaredites?
4. Who was Lehi's wife?
5. What were the names of Lehi's four sons?
6. Where did Lehi and his family live before they went to America?
7. Who were the righteous sons of Lehi?
8. Who was in charge of the brass plates before Nephi obtained them?
9. Who was Laban's servant?
10. Who was the man with several daughters that joined Lehi in his journey to the wilderness?

(Answers upside down at the bottom of the page.)

How many triangles
can you count?

- Answers to Guess Who?
1. The Jaredites
 2. Orihah
 3. Coriantumr
 4. Sariah
 5. Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam
 6. Jerusalem
 7. Nephi and Sam
 8. Laban
 9. Zoram
 10. Ishmael



My Three Boats

By Ian Liston —Age 10 years

I'm a rowing-boat
I plough my way through life
Slowly,
Achieving little!



I'm a sailing-boat
My sails do all the work.
Becalmed—
I do nothing!



I'm a speed (power) -boat
My sights are set.
Swiftly
I'll get there! ! !



By Catherine Liston — Age 7 yrs.

Snow-time is a white-time
Even in the night-time

Snow-time is a bright-time
Lighting up the night-time.

"Cheep! Cheep!"
said the head with the shell on it.
"I've come to greet the Spring"
"Chirp! Chirp!"
said the Mother bird happily
"What a beautiful little thing."



Leicester Ward

Praise Ye The

Presented By

THE LEICESTER WARD

The Place: Leicester, England

The Year: 1860

The People: William and Sarah Forsbury and their two daughters Emma and Mary Ann.

The Hymn: "Oh My Father"



A short dramatization is presented showing how this moving hymn changed the life of Emma Forsbury. Listening to a hymn sung by a missionary in a meeting of Mormons, those hated Mormons, a young girl accepts the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Leicester, England, and a year later decides she must be with the Saints in Zion. As Emma bids farewell to her younger sister Mary Ann, Mary Ann looks straight into her older sister's eyes and says: "What is Zion, Emma?" Emma replies:

Zion is the way I feel when I am with the Saints. Zion is the look in a missionary's eye when his face shines with joy and he bears the witness, "I know that God lives." Zion is where the pure in heart dwell, Mary Ann. Zion is where the Lord has a prophet who has told us where we are going. Zion is in the sound of a song. . . . Do you remember that first night, when I met the Mormons . . . I heard such a song . . . in that first meeting. When I heard that song joy and undreamed of peace spread through my whole being. As I heard the words I knew in my own heart that such ideas could only come because a prophet of God was walking on the earth . . . Zion is the message of such a song. Mary Ann. And it calls me. . . .

As the story unfolds, Emma goes to Liverpool, England, to join a group of

Presents

Lord To Large Crowds

Saints to go to America. Her father, William Forsbury, anguished beyond words, walks the streets of Leicester all that night and follows her the next day to Liverpool.

He overtakes her just as she is about to go on board ship. He embraces his daughter and breaks down with grief. Emma, overcome at the sight of her

father's grief, extends her love and comfort to him and tells him she will return to her home. But she also says: "Daddy, there will come a day when I shall leave again: there can be no other way." As the dramatization ends, William Forsbury, unable to answer in his grief, takes a small pair of scissors from his pocket, cuts off a lock of Emma's long black hair, kisses her ever so tenderly, turns slowly and walks away without looking back.

Emma Forsbury went to Zion, married one of our outstanding contemporary Latter-day Saint musicians and composer of "Promised Valley."

This is one of the many poignant and moving scene's portrayed by the Leicester Ward in their production of "Praise Ye The Lord." Playing to good audiences both nights the production was designed to portray some magnificent moments in Church history when music played an important part as a worshipful expression of the Saints in praising the Lord God.

The festival commences with a prologue which includes a call to worship by the trumpeting angel proclaiming the Gospel's restoration, the Psalmist's admonition to "Praise Ye The Lord," and the Lord's command to Emma Smith to compile a book of hymns.



Following the prologue the festival moves in chronological sequence. Five scenes portray music of previous Gospel dispensations. First is the pre-existence when the "morning stars sang together," then the song of Moses after the successful crossing of the Red Sea, David's song to King Saul, the dedication of Solomon's Temple, and the angelic choir at the Saviour's birth.

Next is some of the music performed during the Prophet Joseph's day including the introduction to the Church of the new hymn, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning," sung at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple. An account then is given of the Nauvoo Band. Then follows the scene at Carthage Jail, immediately preceding the martyrdom, with John Taylor singing at the Prophet's request, "The Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief."

Three hymns and their effect on the lives of the Saints in the early days of the Church are presented through scripture, drama, and music. These hymns are: a hymn of the trek, "Come, Come Ye Saints;" a hymn of Zion in the tops of the mountains, "Oh, Ye



Mountains High;" and a hymn of doctrine, "O My Father."

The festival closes on the scriptural setting of that which is yet to come—the final judgment about which John the Revelator wrote "and I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude . . . saying, Alleluia for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

Directors of the productions were Brian Lockley, drama director, and Jean Taverner, music director. In giving you a picture of what goes on behind the scenes to make such a production possible we share with you these experiences and thoughts of Sister Taverner:

"This production was a dream realized for me as I was privileged to take part in the London Stake production in 1962 and I greatly desired to see this great



David and Saul scene.



Mary Ann and Emma Forsbury in dramatic moment.

festival produced in Leicester. The great testimony building experiences and spiritual growth in individuals is taking part in "Praise Ye The Lord." I had started rehearsing the Leicester Ward Choir in parts of this work, when out of the blue Brian Lockley appeared and without knowing I was interested offered to produce "Praise Ye The Lord" for the Leicester Ward.

What a great opportunity this was and although we had to make several production and musical changes in order to make this possible on a ward basis, we soon started rehearsals and thanks to the very informative advice given in the score we found things easier than expected.

The production called for a cast of 42 plus singers and dancers and one of our greatest headaches was finding the actors— at first they were swallowed up in the choir. So I had to make a

big sacrifice and allow the choir to be used for parts! As we used tapes of some of the more difficult musical parts from the original production performed in Salt Lake, we were able to do this.

The cast were magnificent. From the start they grasped the great meaning of this work and applied themselves diligently to interpreting it accurately. Particular worth great mention were Sister Baum who conjured up costumes and stage props. out of curtains and the most unlikely material.

With the help of Sister Sims sheets were used for the very effective priests' robes for the Solomon's Temple scene. The make-up department was in the very capable hands of Annette Green and Margaret Palmer. Annette was also an effective Emma Forsbury in the poignant missionary scene and Margaret was assistant music director, accompanist and she took part in the scenes

as well. They truly breathed the spirit of this work! Brian's friend, Janette, was the stage manager, Tom Liddicott was a power of strength in the tapes department and John Plater was in charge of the scenery changes.

The rehearsals were held each Monday and Tuesday nights for three weeks until the final week when they were held every night. Brian Lockley travelled the stake and mission publicising and posters were sent to all wards and branches. I can't give you exact attendance figures I'm afraid, but I estimate around 200 saw this.

Just a few days before production—one of the leading characters had to withdraw because of a serious back ailment—Sister Cynthia Pywell was asked to deputise and miraculously learned her lines in time for the performance—her part being taken by Doris Sims. Geoffrey Pallett took the part of Joseph Smith—a part as you know that requires tremendous change in atmosphere and attitude and Geoff found this very hard to achieve and yet at the actual performance, after much prayer and meditation, he was able to find the right expressions, and was very effective. So many complimented him.

One of the missionary elders was a hairdresser before his mission and his ability came into use as he toiled with

a hair piece to make Margaret Taverner's hair resemble a 12-year-old of 1850. The missionaries (Priests of Solomon's Temple) caused much hilarity and helped to ease much of rehearsal tension. Elder and Sister Dorius sang as beautifully as ever—we were very grateful to have their assistance. The Carthage Jail scene was wonderful. Never once was there a fear of it becoming over melodramatic—all the cast immediately conveyed the right atmosphere—their costuming was right and especially noteworthy was Tom Liddicott's rendition of "A Poor Way-faring Man of Grief."

"Praise Ye The Lord" has been presented in many places throughout the world. Canada, England, Mexico, France, United States, Formosa, are some of the countries, but in no place could it be more fittingly presented than in Leicester where part of the story actually took place. How appropriate to "Praise The Lord" with this stirring production in Leicester, now a vital and important part of Zion.

Concluding the production were these words of the Narrator:

As in Alpha, so in Omega
The beginning and the end,
Shall music play her strain;
And having played, plays on
To the Eternal Star
Where God and Christ shall reign!

OUR EXALTATION

"I want the brethren to understand this one thing, that our tithing, our labour, our works are not for the exaltation of the Almighty, but they are for us."
—Wilford Woodruff



A Little Bit Of Heaven

By Mrs. Maureen L. Waghorn
Benfleet, Essex

An award winning Short Story

★ The Littlest Angel stood alone in the middle of the great white and gold, celestial waiting-room. He shuffled his feet nervously and gazed expectantly at the huge gold doors, at the far end of the room. At last it was his turn to go down to earth and have a practical lesson on the art of being a ministering angel. He felt very excited, but at the same time, very frightened. He sniffed and fumbled in his white tunic for his handkerchief. O dear, it was not there, where his dear mother angel, Ariel, had put it, when she left him at the door.

"I must have lost it," he thought, frowning and sniffing at the same time.

He looked at the great gold doors and wondered who his companion would be. Would it be Peter? No he was far too important to be assigned to the Littlest Angel. Joseph then, he was so kind and gentle. Lost in thought he did

not notice the heavy doors swing open and a tall, white-gowned, handsome personage enter.

"Who have we here?"

The Littlest Angel nearly jumped out of his skin and gazed in awe at Gabriel, the archangel, the messenger.

"Please sir, I'm the Littlest Angel," he stuttered.

"So you are, so you are. Are you ready then, Littlest Angel, to accompany me to earth and take up your first assignment?"

"Accompany you sir?" asked the Littlest Angel.

"Yes little one, I am to be your companion and your teacher, are you ready?"

"I, I don't know, perhaps I am too small," he stammered looking down at his little pink toes in their gold sandals.

"Come little one, do not be afraid. It is your turn to go down, size has nothing to do with it. Are you ready?"

"Yes, yes sir, I am ready," the Littlest Angel sniffed and fumbled with his tunic.

Still no handkerchief, he was just about to use his sleeve, when a voluminous, whiter than white, handkerchief was thrust into his hand.

"Thank you sir," he blew his nose and handed back the handkerchief to Gabriel.

"Take my hand, little one."

The Littlest Angel took Gabriel's hand and closed his eyes tightly, he had been practising elevation ever since he could walk, but had never been far from his celestial home and certainly never down near to the earth before. The air began to rush past his ears and took his breath away, he gasped and spluttered.

"Breathe deeply little one, breathe deeply and you'll not lose your breath. Relax your limbs," Gabriel's voice sounded gently in his ear.

In his fright he had forgotten even the elementary lessons of elevation that mother Ariel had taught him. He began to relax and soon to enjoy his journey earthwards.

"Look down little one, look down!"

The Littlest Angel looked down and saw his first glimpse of earth. Nearer and nearer came the spinning globe. Soon he could see the pattern of the continents and seas. Then cities, rivers, fields and trees.

"Oo," he exclaimed, "It's almost as beautiful as home."

Over pleasant valleys and mighty snow capped mountains they passed. Above burning deserts dotted with green oases, and steaming jungles alive with bright gaudy flowers, the noise of wild animals roaring within their depths.

Then down closer over green and muddy swamps, when a terrible noise burst in upon their ears. All around them explosion, upon explosion and the whine and rattle of bullets. They

found themselves enveloped in a dark haze of smoke. The Littlest Angel clapped his hands over his ears in astonishment. Amongst the smoke he could see men moving khaki-clad and steel-helmeted, the instruments of the terrible noise in their hands. Suddenly there was another terrible explosion, a confusion of red fire and smoke. The men threw up their arms and fell mud and blood bespattered to the ground. Some lay quiet and still, others groaned and writhed in pain.

"O this isn't like home at all," cried the Littlest Angel, his face twisted in terror, "why are these men doing this to each other? Is this my assignment sir?" he asked anxiously.

Gabriel shook his head gravely.

"No little one, this assignment would be hard and long for the best of us. Come," and he took the Littlest Angel's hand and up they went further away from the smoke and pain of a scene so familiar to the men of the earth.

Soon there was no more smoke, only countryside, villages, towns and cities glinting in the bright sunlight of a new morning. On and on they went until the Littlest Angel thought they would never come to a halt. They were now above a great, grey city where hundreds of men and women were moving to and fro in great hurrying throngs. Along pavements and converging out of large buildings and big red automobiles. Hurry, hurry, hurry, their footsteps pounding the pavements, their faces anxious, grave, unsmiling.

"How serious they are," breathed the Littlest Angel, "are they unhappy? Is this my assignment sir?"

"No little one," sighed Gabriel looking down at the moving mass on the streets below, "this isn't your assignment, and not all of them are unhappy. 'Come!'"

They left the great city behind them

and were now above pleasant suburbs. Small red-bricked houses appeared, set out in rows and squares, surrounded by pretty green gardens. Over one of the houses they hovered and began to descend.

Down, down, down until they found themselves in the dining-room of the Grey family. What terrible confusion and chaos, Mother was shouting at the children, the children shouting at Mother and baby who was howling in her high-chair over her cereal bowl.

The Littlest Angel clapped his hands over his ears, his face grimaced with pain. This was almost as bad as the battlefield, he looked at Gabriel and Gabriel nodded.

"Yes little one, this is your assignment."

Mother Grey had sent the children upstairs shrieking and crying to the rooms. Now oblivious of her howling baby, she layed her head down amongst the debris of the breakfast table and broke into heavy sobs. She could not cope, the children were difficult and ungrateful, never willing to help. The baby always fretful and unwilling to eat her food, so full of self pity she abandoned herself to sobbing.

Gabriel touched the Littlest Angel's hand.

"Now!" he said.

The Littlest Angel was uncertain, he went over to Mother Grey, her head bent, her shoulders heaving with sobbing. He thought how pretty she would look if she were not crying; her soft brown hair curling on her neck like that, rather like his dear mother, Ariel, only her hair was bright, white gold. He put his small hand on Mother Grey's shoulder and patted it hesitantly and then lovingly. She stopped crying and fumbled for her handkerchief, she blew her nose so loudly it made the Littlest

Angel jump.

"Goodness me!" she thought, "whatever has come over me crying like that. I know what's wrong. I haven't said my usual morning prayers. I must never feel too busy to neglect them again." There amid the clutter of the breakfast table and her howling baby Mother Grey knelt down to pray.

The Littlest Angel looked at Gabriel, he nodded and smiled back. Mother Grey fetched her tray from the kitchen and began to clear the table.

"Now Baby darling, you must stop that crying and eat up your cereal. No nonsense!" she said and went out into the kitchen to wash-up.

The angels could hear her singing as she clattered the cups in the sink. Baby Grey would not stop crying, and the Littlest Angel now very much encouraged walked towards her chair. Baby Grey stopped howling and smiled at the Littlest Angel through her tears.

"Why I do believe she can see me!" he cried.

"Yes little one," replied Gabriel, "Baby has not long left her heavenly home. That is why she can see you and recognise an angel when she sees one."

The Littlest Angel picked up the baby's spoon and gave her a spoonful of cereal, she ate it down and opened her rosebud of a mouth for more. The Littlest Angel chuckled and spooned in some more food, he was beginning to enjoy himself.

When Mother Grey came in for some more breakfast dishes, she was surprised to see Baby had not only finished her cereal, but was balancing the empty dish on her head, making the Littlest Angel chuckle even more.

"You darling!" said Mother Grey and gave Baby a kiss as she took the dish away.

"Goo!" said Baby Grey in appreciation.

From upstairs came the thumps of the bad temper and crying of Mother Grey's other children. Gabriel pointed upwards, the Littlest Angel nodded and up they went into the bedroom of Paula Grey the eldest of the Grey children. She was sitting on her bed sulking, amidst the general untidiness of her room, her books and clothes were everywhere. She was thinking how hard her mother was on her, always expecting her to do everything because she was the eldest. Hot angry tears of pity swam in her eyes.

The Littlest Angel put his hand on her arm gently, as if to restrain her angry thoughts. Almost immediately the words of her Sunday School teacher came into Paula's head.

"If a happy home was to be maintained, every member of the family was to show love to one another, to cherish one another. Anger was catching, but so was love and kindness."

Paula felt ashamed, she had made her mother angry and now the whole family were angry with one another; she must put it right. First she would tidy her room, help Billy to get dressed and go downstairs to see if her mother wanted her to wash and dress Baby.

The angels looked at each other and smiled and the Littlest Angel followed Gabriel into the next room. Angie the seven year old and five year old Billy were shouting at each other, Billy was still in his pyjamas.

"Get dressed, Billy!" shouted Angie.

"Not going to!" cried Billy sulkily.

"You've got to!" shouted Angie.

"Try and make me!" shouted back Billy.

Angie threw herself on Billy and they began to fight punching, pinching and kicking in a frenzied huddle. The Littlest Angel looked with dismay at the struggling arms and legs that were Angie and Billy. He stepped forward

bravely, avoiding the thrashing arms and legs and firmly grabbed both their arms and pulled them apart. They sat looking at each other in surprise, it came to them both at once, the standard they had learned in Primary.

"Jesus said, another commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

Angie blinked back her tears and rubbed her pinched arm.

"I'm sorry Billy, I kicked you. I shouldn't have." She helped him up from the floor.

"O that's all right," he said, "I shouldn't have kicked you."

"Billy?" said Angie, "look, I'll run the water for your wash, if you get your clothes ready."

"All right," said Billy and began to remove his pyjama jacket.

"Look Billy, lets' try and help Mummy shall we? I think she was almost crying this morning"

"O.K?" said Billy going into the bathroom.

"Don't forget your teeth!" Angie said and she began to pick up her own pyjamas from the floor and fold them up.

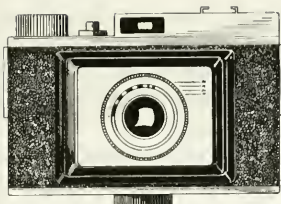
Paula was surprised to see her little sister busily making the beds, when she came into their room.

"Billy and I are going to help Mummy today," Angie announced pulling the bedspread somewhat crookedly over her bed.

"Good idea," Paula smiled as she helped her straighten it.

When all three of them, no, all five of them, for the angels were right behind them, came downstairs; to their joy they heard their mother singing. Angie took the tea towel and wiped the dishes, Billy put away the crockery and folded the tablecloth. Paula took Baby and washed and dressed her and put

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'STAR' Photography Contest

★ In order to provide a further outlet for the talents of our members, the directors of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., have agreed to sponsor yet another competition in our present series, this time on photography

Rules for the competition are as follows:-

1. The contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one photograph may be submitted in each of the 3 divisions.
3. The photographs must be in black and white and printed on a glossy **not** matt surfaced photographic material suitable for reproduction in this magazine. Size Whole plate or Half plate.
4. The name, address, together with the name of the branch or ward of the contestant should be typed or written on a small label and stuck lightly on the reverse side of each photograph submitted. (Not written on the back of the entry).
5. Each entry should also have another small label affixed giving the title of the entry and where possible the photographic data e.g. film used, shutter speeds, exposure etc.
6. Every entry must of course be the competitors original work and is only accepted on the understanding that this is so, that the entry has never been published, and will not be offered for publication until after the results have been published in this magazine.
7. All entries must be received by November 30th. 1968, which is the closing date.
8. The judges will be appointed by the board of Deseret Enterprises Ltd., and the decision of the judges will be final.
9. One first place prize will be awarded in each of the three divisions together with special certificates of merit for first, second and third place winners.
10. The Millennial Star reserve the right to publish from time to time any of the photographs entered for this contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star and will not be returned.

Division 1: Land or seascapes

Division 2: Still life compositions.

Division 3: Dramatic effect.

Competition sizes: Whole Plate ($8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$) Half Plate ($6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{3}{4}''$)

★ Please protect your entry by putting it in an envelope reinforced with a piece of cardboard, and marking on the outside PLEASE DO NOT BEND.

Short Story

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her in her playpen. At last Mother came into the room smiling.

"You've been such wonderful helpful children, this morning. I've decided to take you on a picnic," she said.

"A picnic! Yipee!" yelled Billy.

"Of course you'll need our help?" asked Angie.

"Of course," laughed her mother.

The angels stood by silently in the corner and watched the gleeful preparations for the picnic. All day long they stayed with the Grey Family and enjoyed the picnic with them. The family did wonder why Baby was so good, what they did not know was that the Littlest Angel was by her side all the time keeping her company.

At length the picnic was finished and they all returned home to help Mother Grey prepare Father Grey's dinner, again all was harmonious in the Grey family. When Father returned home after a hard days work at the office, he was surprised and pleased to find such a happy and congenial family; he sighed with contentment.

It was soon time for the smallest Greys to go to bed.

"Daddy, you say the prayers tonight, please?" asked Angie.

They knelt in prayer, the angels with them.

"Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for making our home, a little bit of

heaven," prayed Father Grey.

The children sighed their Amens as the prayer came to an end. Gabriel touched the Littlest Angel on the shoulder.

"Time to go home," he whispered.

A tear trickled down the Littlest Angel's nose and fell onto Billy's hand, he didn't want to leave the family he had loved being with so much.

"Hey! It's raining," cried Billy.

"Don't be silly, Billy, how can it be raining in doors," laughed Angie.

Baby Grey waved her little fat hand as the angels turned to go.

"Goo!" she said to the Littlest Angel.

He smiled and took hold of Gabriel's hand and then up, up, up, into the blue-black velvet sky, spotted with a million twinkling stars, they rose. Up, up, up they went, high above the spinning globe called earth.

"O a shooting star," sighed Paula gazing out of her window into the night.

Not a shooting star at all, but the Littlest Angel and Gabriel returning to their celestial home. The Littlest Angel sighed, he was tired, soon he would be home and in the arms of his dear mother, Ariel, and he would tell her how his first assignment had been so successful.

Well, he had a good teacher, he pressed Gabriel's hand warmly as up, up, up they ascended into the glorious heavens above.



There is nothing in this world that can bring a family closer together than sharing and sacrificing in a spirit of love, and nothing that can build that love so much as spiritual experiences which become . . .

A Family Affair

by Rosalind Farnsworth

★ I cherish the days of my youth, for I grew up in a wonderful family where monetary treasures were few, but where love and spiritual blessings were abundant.

The family experiences I remember best are those associated with activity in the Church. We went to Church together as a family. Our parents never sent us, they always took us. I can't remember a Sunday when my father or mother was not there. We had family home evening and family prayer. Every evening before supper we read a chapter from one of the standard works of the Church. This brought us closer to each other and gave us greater understanding of the scriptures. As a large family of very humble circumstances, we had to share many things and sometimes go without, but this also increased our love and appreciation for one another.

Our Church activities led to one of

the choicest experiences of my life that of sharing the financial responsibility of keeping a missionary in the field. I would like to relate this experience as a tribute to my family, and to share with others the joy we received in participating in a spiritual experience.

I was especially close to my older brother, the eldest in our family of nine children, when he left for the Southern Far East Mission. I thought I would not be able to bear his leaving, because we were so close to each other. I still think he is one of the greatest individuals I have ever known because of his righteous example to his younger brothers and sisters. We love him very much.

After I graduated from school I went to the City where I could work and earn enough money for college. I kept thinking of my brother and how much

I loved him. And then it dawned on me that there was a practical way to show my love. I could help him financially while he was serving his mission. My plans had been made to attend college that fall, but I gave much thought and prayer to finding out what I really should do. Then one Sunday while I was trying to make the decision, I attended a stake conference where Elder S. Dilworth Young was the speaker. He talked about our obligation to our parents and brothers and sisters when they were in need. I felt that I had received a definite answer. I talked to my father and told him of my desire. He was reluctant to place a burden on me and wanted me to continue my schooling, so he assured me that they could manage and that it was his responsibility. I explained that I felt the Lord wanted me to help, and that I wanted to do it. Father finally consented, and I had the major support of my brother for a year of his mission. This was one of my choicest experiences. The Lord blessed me abundantly, and I was able to provide financial support for my brother and save ample money for college the following year.

Following this experience each of the children did a large part of supporting another in the mission field. After my brother returned home and I was old enough for a mission, a family council was held to decide how my mission expenses would be met. It was decided that my older brother and a younger sister would help, along with an aunt and uncle who had offered. As those hard-earned checks came to me on my mission, my love and appreciation for loved ones at home increased. My brother was attending college and helping me, and my sister was working and filling a stake mission at the same time.

The next two in line for missions were a brother and a sister. They left about two months apart. After my sister's farewell, my father was asked by a ward member who realized our family's circumstances, "Brother Farnsworth, how can you possibly support two on a mission at the same time?"

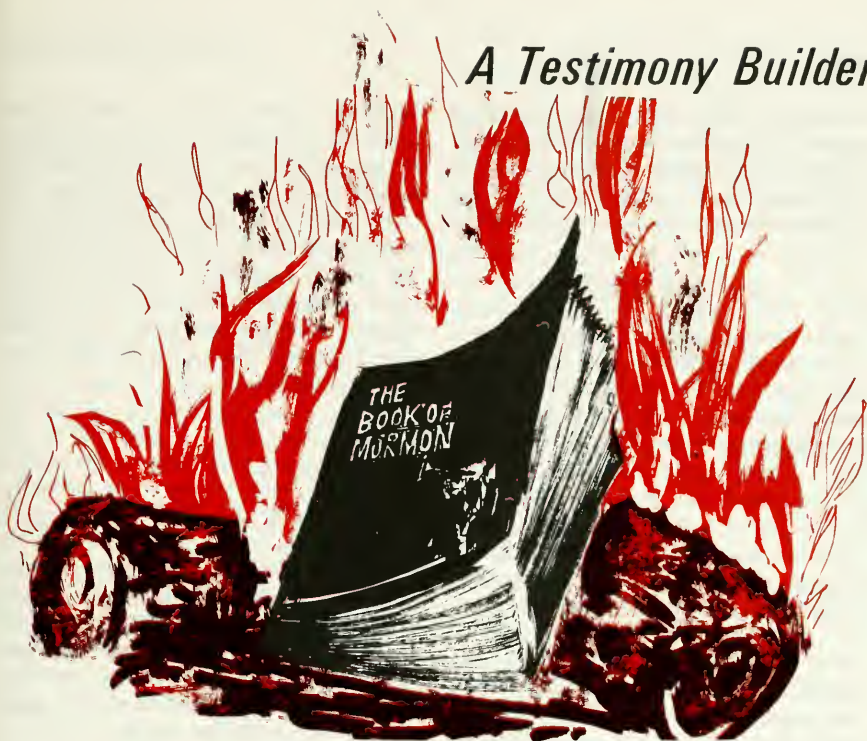
My father answered, "We have 57 calves, and if it takes all 57 and everything else we have, we'll make it!"

When my mother was asked a similar question she remarked, "we take it as it comes, a day, a week, a month at a time; and with faith and hard work we will make it."

I have been warmed many times by their great faith and willingness to serve the Lord. This has been invaluable training for us children.

Recently I went home to visit, and my ten-year-old brother came running up to show me a new watch. It was anything but fancy, but having it made him feel like he owned the world. Later I asked Mother where he got the money for it. I learned that he had worked with an older brother, baling hay for a local rancher; he had bought the watch, but he had sent most of the money he had earned to the missionaries. Tears filled my eyes, as I watch that so-very-young little brother skip happily down the street to join his friends. I knew nothing of material worth could bring the joy that filled my heart at that time. Often I have prayed that I might have children as choice as my brothers and sisters, and that I might be as good an example and parent as my father and mother. Today our family has three missionaries in the field.

There is nothing in this world that can bring a family closer than love in the home. Nothing can build that love so much as sharing spiritual experiences.



Burn The Book

By Don Vincent Di Francesca

★ I was born September 23, 1888, in the town of Gratteri, province of Palermo, Sicily, a son of Joseph D. and Marianne D Maria Francesca. On February 22, 1892, my mother passed away; and with my brother Antonine and my sister Josephine, I went to live with my mother's parents.

When I was seven years of age, I attended elementary school. My grandfather, wishing that I might receive training of a religious nature, arranged for me to be taught by his cousin, Vincent Serio. I was so successful in developing the art of reading scripture that by the time I was 11 years of age

my teacher praised me well, saying that I was blessed to have such a great gift.

In November 1900, I was permitted to enroll in a high school run by a religious order, and I studied religion there until 1905. Meanwhile, my brother Antonine, who had immigrated to New York City, invited me to come to America. So, at 17 years of age, I sailed from Naples, arriving in New York on October 12, 1905. There I met a friend of my brother, Ariel Debellon, a pastor of the Italian branch of one of the protestant churches, who engaged me as a teacher to serve members of his congregation.

He was so impressed with my gift in reading the scriptures that he suggested I attend Knox College in New York City. I followed his advice and received my degree in religion November 24, 1909.

GOD WAS MINDFUL

As I think back over the events of my life leading up to a cold morning in February 1910, I cannot escape the feeling that God had been mindful of my existence. That morning the caretaker of the Italian chapel delivered a note to me from the pastor, advising me he was ill in bed and asking me to come to his house, as he had important matters to discuss with me regarding the affairs of the parish.

As I walked down Broadway, the strong wind from the open sea blew cold against me, so I held my head down and turned my face away from the wind. It was then, I saw what appeared to be a book lying on top of an open barrel of ashes, set there to be picked up by the garbage collection wagon. The form of the pages and the manner in which they were bound gave me the impression that it was a religious book. Curious, I picked up the book and knocked it against the side of the barrel to shake the ashes from its pages. The book was written in the English language. I looked for the frontispiece, but it had been torn away.

WIND TURNED PAGES

As I stood there with the book in my hands, the fury of the wind turned the pages, and one by one, the names Nephi, Mosiah, Alma, Moroni, and Isaiah, appeared before my eyes. Since the cold wind was bitter, I hurriedly wrapped the soiled book in a newspaper and continued my journey.

At the parish house I gave a few words of comfort to my colleague Scritto and agreed to the services he requested of me during his illness. As I walked back to my own lodgings, my mind dwelt on the book in my hand and the strange names I had read. Who were these men? Who was this prophet Isaiah? Was he the one I had read about in the Bible, or was he some other Isaiah?

Back in my room I carefully turned the torn pages and came to the words of Isaiah, which I read most carefully. What could be the name of the church that taught such doctrine in words so easily understood? The cover of the book and the title page were missing. I read the declaration of witnesses in the opening pages and was strongly impressed by the strength of their testimonies, but there was no other clue to the book's identity.

CLEANED SOILED PAGES

I purchased some alcohol and cotton from the drugstore beneath my lodgings and began cleaning the soiled pages. Then for several hours I read what was written in the book. When I had read chapter ten of the Book of Moroni I locked the door of my room, and with the book in my hands, I knelt down and asked God, the Eternal Father, in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, to tell me if the book was of God. As I prayed, I felt my body becoming cold. Then my heart began to pound, and a feeling of warmth and gladness came over me and filled me with such joy that I cannot find words to express. I knew that the words of the book came from God.

I continued my services in the parish, but my preaching was tinged with the

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new words I had found in the book. The members of my congregation were so interested in my words that they became dissatisfied with the sermons of my colleagues, and they asked them why they did not preach the sweet arguments of Don Vincent. This was the beginning of troubles for me. When members began leaving the chapel during the sermons of my colleagues and remained when I occupied the pulpit, my colleagues became angry with me.

CHRISTMAS 1910

The beginning of real discord began Christmas eve, 1910. In my sermon that evening, I told the story of the birth and mission of Jesus Christ as given in my new book. When I had finished, some of my colleagues, without any shadow of shame, publicly contradicted all I had said. The absurdities of their assertions so upset me that I openly rebelled against them. They denounced me and turned me over to the committee of censure for disciplinary action.

When I appeared before this committee, the members gave me what was supposed to be fatherly advice. They counseled me to burn the book, which they said was of the devil, since it was the cause of so much trouble and had destroyed the harmony of the pastoral brothers. I replied by giving my witness that the book they asked me to burn was the word of God, but because of the missing pages I did not know the name of the Church that had brought forth the book. I declared that if I were to burn the book, I would displease God. I would rather go out of the congregation of the church than offend him. When I had so stated, the president of the council ended the dis-

cussion, stating the council would decide on the matter later.

It was not until 1914 that I was once again brought before the council. The vice venerable spoke in a friendly tone, suggesting that the sharp words of the committee members at the previous hearing may have provoked me, which was regrettable, since they all loved me and were mindful of the valuable assistance I had always so freely given. However, he said, I must remember that obedience—complete and absolute—is the rule. The long suffering of the members, to whom I had continued to preach falsehoods, had come to an end and I must burn the book.

In reply, I stated I could not deny the words of the book nor would I burn it, since in doing so I would offend God. I said I looked forward with joy to the time when the church to which the book belonged would be made known to me and I would become a part of it. At this the Vice Venerable cried, "Enough! Enough!" He then read the decision that had been made by the council: I was to be stripped of my position as a pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd and of every right and privilege I had previously enjoyed.

REMEMBERS LESSONS

Three weeks later I was called before the supreme synod. After giving me an opportunity to retract my previous statements, which I refused to do, the synod confirmed the judgment of the council. I was thus completely cut off from the body of the church.

In November 1914, I was called into the Italian army and sent to the Port of Naples. I saw action in France, where I experienced all of the sadness and suffering associated with the battles of World War I. Remembering the lessons

of the book I had read I related to some of the men in my company the story of the people of Ammon—how they refused to shed the blood of their brothers and buried their arms rather than be guilty of so great crimes. The chaplain reported me to the colonel, and the next day I was escorted to the colonel's office. He asked me to tell him the story I had related to the soldiers, as it is recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Alma. Then he asked me how I had come into possession of the book, and why I retained a book written in the English language and published by an unnamed church. I received as punishment a ten-day sentence on bread and water, with the order that I was to speak no more of the book and its stories.

RETURNED TO NEW YORK

After the end of the war I returned to New York, where I met an old friend who was a pastor of the Methodist Church and who knew the history of my troubles. He felt I had been unfairly dealt with, and he began interceding for me with members of the synod. I was finally admitted to the congregation as a lay member. As an experiment, it was agreed that I should accompany the Methodist pastor on a mission to New Zealand and to Australia.

In Sydney, Australia, we met some Italian immigrants who asked questions about the errors in the translations of the Bible as published by the Catholic Church. They were not satisfied with the answers given by my companion, and he became angry with them. Then they asked me about it, and, knowing I had the truth in the Book of Mormon, I once again told the story of Christ's appearance to the people of the land described there, and that Christ had



said "That other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (3 Ne. 15:17.) When they asked me where I had learned such teachings, I told them of the book I had found. The story was sweet to them but very bitter for my colleague. He reported me to the synod, and once again their previous judgment was confirmed, and I was cut off from the church forever. Soon after, I returned to Italy.

In May 1930, while I was seeking in a French dictionary for some information, I suddenly saw the entry "Mormon" I read the words carefully and found that a Mormon Church had been established in 1830 and that this church operated a university at Provo, Utah. I wrote to the president of the university at Provo, asking for information about the book and its missing pages. I received an answer two weeks later, and was told that my letter had been passed on to the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and that he would inform me about the book with the missing pages, which book did indeed belong to the Mormon Church.

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LETTER ANSWERED

On June 16, 1930, President Heber J. Grant answered my letter and sent a copy of the Book of Mormon, which had been translated into the Italian language in 1852 by President Lorenzo Snow while he was a missionary. President Grant informed me that Elder John A. Widtsoe was president of the Church's European Mission, with headquarters in Liverpool, England, and he would give my request to him. A few days later Elder Widtsoe wrote to me from Liverpool and sent me a pamphlet that contained the story of the Prophet Joseph Smith, telling of the gold plates and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. At long last I had learned the rest of the story begun so long ago when, guided by the hand of God, I found the torn book lying on top of a barrel of ashes on a street in New York City.

On June 5, 1932, Elder Widtsoe came to Naples to baptise me, but a revolution between the Fascists and anti-Fascists on the island of Sicily had broken out, and the police at Palermo refused permission for me to leave the island. I was thus denied a chance for baptism at that time.

ASKED TO TRANSLATE

The following year Elder Widtsoe asked me to translate the Joseph Smith pamphlet into Italian and to have 1,000 copies published. I took my translation to a printer, Joseph Gussio, who took the material to the Catholic bishop of the diocese of Cefalu. The bishop ordered the printer to destroy the material. I brought suit against the printer, but all I received from the court was an order to him to return the original booklet, which he had thrown into some waste paper in a cellar.

When Elder Widtsoe was released as president of the mission in 1934, I started correspondence with Elder Joseph F. Merrill, who had succeeded him. He put my name on the mailing list for the *Millennial Star*, which I received until 1940 when it was stopped because of World War II. In January 1937, Elder Richard R. Lyman, successor to President Merrill, wrote to me, advising me that he and Elder Hugh B. Brown would be in Rome on a certain day and I could meet them there and be baptised. The letter was delayed because of the war, and I did not receive it in time.



From then until 1949, I was cut off from all news of the Church, but I remained a faithful follower and preached the gospel of the dispensation of the fulness of times. I had copies of the standard works, and I translated chapters into Italian and sent them to acquaintances with the greeting: "Good day. The morning breaks—Jehovah speaks!"

On February 13, 1949, I resumed correspondence with Elder Widtsoe at Church headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Elder Widtsoe answered my letter October 3, 1950, explaining that he had been in Norway. I sent him a long letter in reply in which I asked him to help me to be quickly baptised, because I felt that I had proven myself to be a faithful son and pure servant of God, observing the laws and commandments of his kingdom. Elder Widtsoe asked President Samuel E. Bringham of the Swiss Mission if he could go to Sicily to baptise me. On January 18, 1951, President Bringham arrived on the island, and I was baptised at Imerese, Province of Palermo. According to the records of the Church, this was appar-

ently the first baptism performed on the Island of Sicily. Then on April 28, 1956, I entered the temple of Bern, Switzerland, and received my endowments.

At last, to be in the presence of my Heavenly Father! I felt I had now proved faithful in my second estate, after having searched for and found the true Church by means of an unknown book that I found so many years ago, lying on an open barrel of ashes in the city of New York.

Elder Don Vincent Di Francesca died Nov. 18, 1966, at Gesta Grätten (Palermo) Italy.

WORDS AND THOUGHTS OF A RELIEF SOCIETY SISTER

by May Milner, Ipswich Branch

R Relief! What a nice sounding word it is;
 E Empathy too, is another so great, and
 L Love certainly is, in opposition to hate, while;
 I Idleness is shunned by 'Relief Society Sister's, but;
 E Energy is used regardless of state, and;
 F Faith, Hope and Charity are words of excelled rate.

S Solace and sincere sermons
 O Our dear Saviour gave; His
 C Compassion and courage so many do crave.
 I Inspiration and integrity, He had both of these.
 E Endurance and endearment, excelled He with ease,
 T Tenderness and Mercy, He gave to the sick and blind,
 Y Yet! He was crucified; tortured and died, for all mankind.

S Sadness and sorrow our Dear Saviour knew, resulting in
 I Innumerable blessings for me and for you.
 S So cast off the old man, and put on the new,
 T Thousands are called, but the chosen are few.
 E Eternal life is offered us, for true repentance of our sins: Oh!
 R Rejoice! Rejoice! give thanks unto our Lord; Come,
 S Sing to Him, dear sisters, all of one accord.

The Population Explosion



★ In 1968, when the Prophet sends out the Twelve, the seventies, and the numerous elders and sisters to teach the Gospel to all the world, there are three and a quarter billion people, or about 13 times as many as when the first commission was given 18 centuries ago.

It is estimated that there were only 25 million people on the whole earth when Moses led the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage; and a quarter billion when the crusades were marched and when Columbus crossed the Atlantic and when the Pilgrims came, the population remaining almost static for six centuries while war, pestilence, and famine offset the natural growth.

It is estimated that there were one billion people on earth when the Church was organized in 1830, another billion one hundred years later when we celebrated the centennial, and another billion 31 years later; and that there may be another billion after 14 more years have passed.

There could be 7 billion on earth while most of you are still living. And then in another century, 42 to 45 billion people may be upon the earth. So we should get busy before the population explosion loses us.

We are not discouraged, because our ratio is bettering all the time. On April 6, 1830, there was one Latter-day Saint to 166 million people. In 1840, there was one to 35,000; in 1920, one to 3,400; in 1955, one to about 1,800; and today, approximately one of every 1,500 souls in the world is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are becoming numerous.

—Elder Spencer W. Kimball

Mormon Was A Great

By Elder Marion D. Hanks
Assistant to the Council of The Twelve

★ Mormon, compiler and abridger of the Book of Mormon, was a prophet and holy man who also served as commander of the armed forces of the Nephite nation. Combining in his character the qualities of great strength and deep spirituality, he was a teacher and guide to his people, testifying of Jesus and crying repentance to them while he led their armies to brilliant military victories.

Sickened with their unrighteous arrogance when his people, forgetting God, celebrated their soldierly triumphs by boasting of their own strength, Mormon refused for a time to lead them in battle. He condemned their oaths of vengeance and death against their enemies, but relented when their dreadful defeat and destruction became inevitable; he marched with their armies and died with them in the terrible struggles that resulted in the virtual extinction of the Nephite nation.

He was named after the land of Mormon, where Alma, converted through the preaching of Abinadi, found refuge from King Noah's court and established the Church of Christ. Mormon, with all his other duties, served as historian and custodian of the records of his people and was assigned the monumental task of abridging those records into a concise account. As chief literary figure and labourer his name was given to the completed record, though in fact it was written by many authors.

Mormon the Man

What went into the making of this prophet-general-historian? What mattered most to him? What did he teach? How well did his life reflect his convictions?

Mormon was a "pure descendant" of Lehi and of Nephi. It is remarkable to observe how early in life his disposition and commitment became evident:

At ten years of age he was known by responsible men to be a "sober child, . . . quick to observe," and received a significant assignment for the future.

At 11 he traveled with his father to the land of Zarahemla.

At 15 he was "visited of the Lord, and tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus."

In his sixteenth year he commanded the armies of the Nephites.

In his teens he fearlessly sought to preach repentance to the people at a time when they had "no gifts from the Lord, and the Holy Ghost did not come upon any."

As with other great men, as with the Lord himself when he was on the earth, Mormon's remarkable mission and contribution took form while he was very young; he made up his mind and committed his life in his early years. The great promise was fulfilled in a life of selfless service.

He Loved the Lord

The signature of his service is found

Prophet, Commander

in Mormon's simple statement:

"Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I have been called of him to declare his word among his people, that they might have everlasting life."

He believed and taught forcefully that "in Christ there should come every good thing."

He urged them to "search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, . . . ye certainly will be a child of Christ," for, he said, Christ "advocateth the cause of the children of men."

He Loved His People

Notwithstanding their wickedness, Mormon loved his people:

"I had led them many times to battle, and had loved them, according to the love of God which was in me, with all my heart; and my soul had been poured out in prayer unto my God all the day long for them. . . ."

"And my prayer to God is concerning my brethren, that they may once again come to the knowledge of God, yea, the redemption of Christ. . . ."

"I love little children with a perfect love; and they are all alike and partakers of salvation."

Mormon prayed for his people, noting that their repentance was not sincere but was the "sorrowing of the dam-

ned." and that "the day of grace was passed with them, both temporally and spiritually."

The earnest ambitions of his heart were "that I could persuade all ye ends of the earth to repent and prepare to stand before the judgment-seat of Christ."

A Wise and Faithful Teacher

Mormon lived his convictions. The great spiritual depth of his teachings was combined with wise counsel for the daily problems of life and personal conduct consistent with his professions. Humbly he pleaded with his people to live with honour, to protect "that which (is) most dear and precious above all things, which is chastity and virtue."

He urged them

- ★ to "pray unto the Father with all the energy of the heart."
- ★ to "know that God is not a partial God."
- ★ to have charity, for "charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever."
- ★ to pray and act and give "with real intent of heart."
- ★ to be sensitive to the Spirit of Christ, which is "given to every man, that he may know good from evil."
- ★ to believe in prophets and angels and miracles, "for God works in "divers ways" to "manifest things

unto the children of men."

- ★ to believe in the restoration of the Jews and the Lamanites, in the gathering in of the house of Jacob and the house of Joseph.

Admonition and Promise

Much of Mormon's life was lived amidst carnage and destruction and tragic unrighteousness, yet he fought both evil and enemy to the death. Strong and faithful himself, he sought to the end to bring his people to repentance. His valedictory may well have been in his plea that "they who have faith in him will cleave unto every good thing," and in the admonition delivered through his son Moroni:

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; that ye may become the sons of God."



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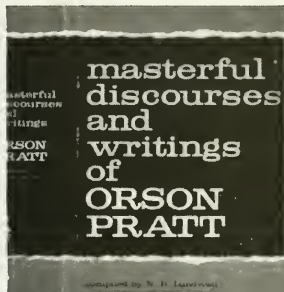
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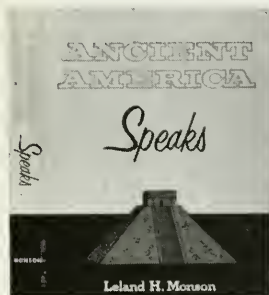


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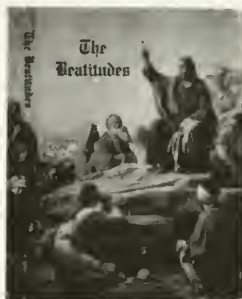
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PRAYER

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Helps In Any Case

★ As Amy stood at the window and gazed out upon the green fields with the hills beyond ablaze with colour, her thoughts made her lovely hazel eyes fill with tears. Why should everything look so alive, so full of life while she was so full of despair, and with no desire to go on living. What should she do? The Relief Society Sisters had been again to-day wanting her to return to the Church. How could she go back after all these months away. How could she face everyone after the tragic loss of her young husband. It was alright for everyone to say it was not Gods fault that she was now alone, didn't they all say come back to Church amongst your friends and it will help to fill the gap. But why had God taken Keith from her, why had he let this happen to her, why, oh why, had she been robbed of the one person who had meant everything in the world to her, what had she done to deserve this, had she not kept Gods commandments to the best of her ability, had she not lived as a good Latter-day Saint woman should.

And then after only two years of happiness her life was now meaningless and empty. Why had it to

happen. They were so very happy together and the plans that they had made for the future were now lost. He was a young and brilliant Lawyer. Amy remembered with tears in her eyes the night he came home full of life and so excited. He had been given the opportunity to go to a neighbouring city to defend a very important client, it had all been arranged, he was to fly that very next day in a chartered plane. How happy they had been that night, she remembered how the Elders had visited them and shared their happiness with them, in prayer, thanking God for all his blessings little knowing it was their last night together. She again relived the hours after his departure when she was told that owing to a freak storm and bad visibility the plane had crashed killing all on board. Her relatives and friends had taken care of everything as she lived those hours in a daze. When thankfully she was all alone with her thoughts. If only God had granted them a child it would have been part of him left with her to cherish, but it was not to be. As the sun was sinking fast on the horizon and shadows began to form, Amy turned away from the window and prepared to retire. She

thought again of what she should do when quite suddenly she had a great desire to pray to our Heavenly Father. After many months without prayer Amy felt quite strange kneeling there all alone.

With tears falling from her eyes she whispered, "Dear Heavenly Father, forgive me for turning away from you all this time, please show me what to do, I am so very lonely without Keith, why oh why did he have to leave me". Nothing stirred in the evenings stillness except the sobs from Amy. Quite suddenly as Amy knelt in her despair it seemed as though a shaft of Golden

light broke through the darkness in her mind and she remembered the time when they were married for time and all eternity in the Temple; of the promise that they would never really be apart. Then a very small voice seemed to whisper "All is well, all is well". Amy wept with joy as she realized how wrong she had been to deny God by staying away from Church and turning away from all her friends. The tears she shed now were for joy at the thought that she would one day be reunited with her loved one, it was like a curtain of darkness being lifted from her eyes and a dawn full of promise within her grasp.

Luton Ward Plans Reunion At 'Help Dedicate' Ward Dinner

★ Present and former members of the Luton Ward, London Stake, are invited to participate in "Help Dedicate" banquet at the chapel, Saturday, 12 October. Help us make this a big reunion. Dedi-

cation is planned next spring. Make reservations now for the banquet with Bishop M. C. Noyce, 1 Devonshire Road, Harpenden, (phone: Harpenden 2715).



Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, left, and Sister Noyce present tickets to Mayor C. Jephson and Mayoress Jephson to attend Luton Ward 'Help Dedicate' dinner and show on Oct. 12.

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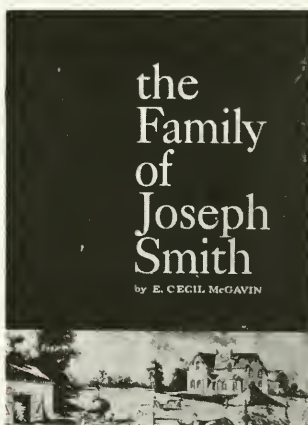
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Restored Gospel Offers Nations Answer For All Social Requirements

By President David O. McKay

★ "And even so I have sent mine everlasting covenant into the world, to be a light to the world, and to be a standard for my people, . . . and to be a messenger before my face to prepare the way before me." (D&C 45:9.)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was scarcely one year old when that declaration was made. Joseph Smith, to whom the inspiration came, was but twenty-five years of age. It is a marvelous declaration, great in its pretention, comprehensive in its scope—"Mine everlasting covenant (the gospel) is sent into the world, to be a light unto the world."

On Bedloe Island, at the entrance of New York Harbour, there stands a Statue of Liberty, a light of the nations. What it has meant to thousands and hundreds of thousands of the down-trodden of Europe has been most graphically expressed by Israel Zangwill in that impressive production *The Melting Pot*, from which I quote (David, the immigrant Jew, is speaking):

"When I look at our Statue of Liberty I just seem to hear the voice of America: 'Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest—rest.'"

What the Statue of Liberty has symbolized to the oppressed and down-



trodden of Europe, the gospel of Jesus Christ is to the world.

The restored gospel, the Church, has reared an ensign to the nations, invites the world to peace, to rest, to contentment.

And what does that ensign offer to the nations?

Forty-seven years ago, Elder Stephen L. Richards answered that question as follows: "There are provided within the

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Church agencies and facilities which meet every requirement of social life. Our wards, to my thinking, constitute the most advantageous social units that have ever been devised or suggested in the history of society. There are presented within the organisation of the wards opportunities for every person to receive legitimate training in society, intercourse, and the cultivation of all the desirable traits of character that go to make up good men and good women." (Annual Conference, April 6, 1920.)

Sitting in the audience on that occasion was a statesman who had won national and international eminence, not only as a great leader in the political world, but also as a speaker and writer on religious topics. He was William Jennings Bryan, who only a few months before had written an article for a current magazine entitled "In the World, of the World, and for the World," wherein he outlined a number of ways in which he thought the church could make the world a better place in which to live. "My suggestion, therefore," I read from his article, "is that an effort should be made to set up a Christian standard for Christian communities, and to create an environment that will be helpful to the Church and the spiritual things for which the Church stands."

Such an organization is the restored Church of Jesus Christ, functioning effectually, as the Apostle Paul says, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, (Even) unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: . . ." (Eph. 4:12-13.)

I invite you today to have in mind the various organisations of the Church:

first, the priesthood quorums; second, the auxiliaries; third, educational opportunities; fourth, judicial phases of the Church; and fifth, the ecclesiastical groups. To elaborate on each one would occupy more time than I can give, but we can just glimpse it.

Consider the priesthood of the Church. Picture therein the men and boys organized in working sections or groups, from the father ninety years old, down to the boy twelve years of age. In these groups you find exemplified all that human society seeks in social groups and in societies. There is opportunity in these quorum groups for fellowship, brotherhood, and organized service. No man who is worthy of that fellowship can be kept out from it—not one!

Those who are active are working in an organized way for the betterment of one another, for the personal welfare of the membership and for the good of society as a whole. If we consider no further than the quorums, is not that a sublime picture, where men and boys may congregate, associate, affiliate in service for humanity, in which every man considers everyone a brother? In that quorum the doctor sits by the side of a carpenter, each interested in the most ennobling of aspirations—worship of God and helpful service to humanity! There is the essence of priesthood work in the Church; and, in the achievement of the purpose, every act and influence should be performed or wielded only "by persuasion by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned; . . ." The words of the Prophet! (D&C 121:41.)

In addition to quorums, there are Young Men's and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations, having charge of the recreation for the

young, guiding the leisure hours of the youth as emphasized by Mr. William Jennings Bryan—one of the great problems facing civilization today! In these groups you have an organization of young men and young women, directing in music in art, in debating, in drama, as well as in other uplifting activities of community life.

All quorums and groups are in themselves educational factors. It is surprising how many officers and teachers are engaged in the teaching and directing of youth just in quorums and auxiliary organizations.

Let us take one stake for example: I refer now to notes taken on a visit made in 1950 here in Salt Lake City. Among the groups in the Melchizedek Priesthood of that stake were 804 men serving without one penny of compensation for the betterment of society every week, and some of them every day.

If the high council and members of the bishoprics in that stake who are working with young boys between the ages of twelve and twenty-one be included, there were a total of 1,022 men.

The number of officers and teachers in the auxiliaries in the twelve wards of that stake was 1,950, so adding this number to the 1,022, we have a total of 2,972, or approximately 3,000 men and women teachers.

In addition, there were missionaries labouring under the direction of the stake presidency. In this one stake, they had held 2,715 meetings in homes in this city. They had baptised, since the first of the year, 106 converts and ten children who had gone beyond the age of eight years.

The Church progresses only as fast as these groups work in perfect harmony.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, we read: "It is the duty of the (priesthood)

to watch over the Church always, to be with and strengthen them." (See *Ibid.*, 20:53.) This is a layman's Church.

And what a message the Church has for this distracted world! "Its appeal," as Kent says of true Christianity, "is universal—to the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, the learned and the unlearned. It proclaims God to be not only the one Supreme Ruler of the Universe, but the Father of *each* individual, a God of justice, yet a God of love, constantly watching over and guiding even the humblest of His children."

The Church, with its complete organization, offers service and inspiration to all. It is "pre-eminently a social religion." In quorums and auxiliaries it "aims by training the individual conscience and will to establish a closely knit, World-wide fraternity." It is in no sense ascetic. Instead of taking men out of the world, it seeks to develop perfect, Godlike men in the midst of society, and through them to solve the problems of society.

There is not a principle which is taught by the Saviour of men but is applicable to the growth, development, and happiness of mankind. Every one of his teachings seems to touch the true philosophy of living. I accept them wholeheartedly. I like to study them. I like to teach them. It is a joy to try to live them. Every phase of the restored Church is applicable to the welfare of the human family.

Twelve thousand missionaries and more, each paying individually or with the aid of parents his or her own expenses, are declaring to a troubled world that the message heralded at the birth of Jesus, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," (see Luke 2:14) may become a reality by compliance to the

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principles of the gospel.

As the Saviour said to the eleven disciples, and to all whom they appointed, so he says to his authorized servants today: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." (See Matt. 28:19-20.)

Where, however each missionary of old could speak only to one person, the representatives of Christ today can speak to millions. A sentence uttered in an ordinary tone of voice can encircle the globe in less than a minute. Daily, nations are becoming more closely united. The interest and destiny of each one becomes more closely the interest and destiny of all.

In the ecclesiastical groupings, there is opportunity for social welfare such as cannot be found in any other organization in the world. Thus does the Saviour and his Church become my inspiration, my ideal in life. I think it is the one great thing for which man should strive. It presents the most efficient methods for human service, social uplift, and progressive steps toward universal peace and brotherhood; and in its idea of salvation it comprehends the whole of the human family.

May he bless the priesthood throughout the Church, the auxiliary associations, and all men and women who seek to instil into the hearts of men the redemptive power of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. May all utilizing the organization of the Church continue more zealously "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, (even) unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: . . ." (Eph. 4:12-13.)

God bless and prosper the Church as it bears witness to the reality of the personality of Deity and to the fact that God has again revealed himself to man and established a means whereby spirituality, brotherhood, and universal peace may be fostered among the children of men.

The Lord help us to be able to prove to the world that the restored gospel is just what the world today is longing for; and when they see it, may they know, as you and I know that the everlasting gospel is a light to the world. May it ever be a light to the nations, a guiding solution of all the world problems.



Miscellaneous Items

2 Huddersfield Brethren Much In Demand

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★ Two active members of the Huddersfield Ward, Leeds Stake, are always in great demand for they certainly are "the life of the party" wherever they appear on programmes.

"Head-knocking" musician, Cliff Ford, can play a tune on his head. He has proved this many times and did so recently on Granada television programme, "Nice Time".

Harry Kilner, has a wealth of good, clean jokes, he has collected over a long period and appeared on the ABC programme 'Strictly for Laughs'.

Bro. Ford was volunteered for his appearance on television by his wife, Sis. Jean Ford when the announcer issued an appeal for someone who could play a tune on the head.

Bro. Ford makes the music by tapping his fist on top of his head and making noises come from his larynx, while his mouth is open. He was a club singer for more than six years, with a partner, but recently has performed as a soloist. The Fords have two children.

Bro. Kilner answered an advertisement to take part in a comedy panel game as a contestant to outwit famous comedians. He is a progress clerk.

THE THINGS THAT COUNT

Not what we have, but what we use,
Not what we see, but what we choose—
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness.

The things near by not things afar,
Not what we seem, but what we are—
These are the things that make or break
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but what we do—
These are the things that shine like gems
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

—Anonymous

OBITUARIES

★ Rebecca Sootheran aged 87 years, of Scarborough Branch, North British Mission. Affectionately known to all in the district as Aunty Betty, she set an unflinching example of faith and knowledge of the love of the Lord. She was much loved by everyone and will be sadly missed.



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12—British, Cen. Brit., Irish
19—Leicester, S.W. Br., Manchester
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—Joseph Smith



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Introducing — The British South Mission

★ The British South Mission extends from the Chiltern Hills on the north to the Southampton Docks on the south. It is an area of great beauty found in the green rolling hills; the rivers that cut across the valleys and through the stately woods; the rocky beaches that surround this island. It is a land that whispers of the past as you explore great castles, old cottages and admire monuments honouring those who thrust their fellow men ahead with their sacrifice.

It is the heart of Quaker territory and the burial place of William Penn. Cromwell's troops once tramped on these fields and left land marks of this troubled period. John Milton lived in a small village during the great plague and wrote part of *Paradise Lost* in a humble cottage here. One of the world's great universities as well as a most prestigious public school are within its bounds. Queen Elizabeth II is in residence part of each year in this beautiful and historic part of England.

Most important, the British South Mission has well established branches of the Church with devoted members striving to preach the Gospel to all who will listen. It is a dynamic force, ever growing that has changed the lives of all its members and perhaps one day this part of England will be dotted with chapels as evidence of the impact of the Church of Jesus Christ of this Emerald Isle.



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British South Mission



Pres. and Sis. J. W. Child.

Mission President, Family Have Fine Record Of Church Service

★ Pres. and Sis. J. W. Child came to preside over the British South Mission from Murray, Utah. They brought with them a fine record of Church service. Pres. Child was the president of Murray South Stake at the time of his mission call. Previously, he had been a counselor in the stake presidency, a High Council man and president of the Elders Quorum. Sis. Child had been active in all of the Church auxiliaries serving in the Primary, Sunday School, M.I.A. and Relief Society. They were well prepared to come to England and direct the work of over 200 missionaries assigned to this part of the British Isles.

The Childs have two daughters. Jan, the youngest, has been with them in England but is now attending school in Salt Lake City. Their oldest Kay Child Flink, lives in Ogden, Utah with her husband. They are a family who are sports enthusiasts and particularly enjoy water skiing, snow skiing, fishing, and hunting.

Pres. and Sis. Child have found great joy in living in England and partaking of the Gospel with the Saints here.



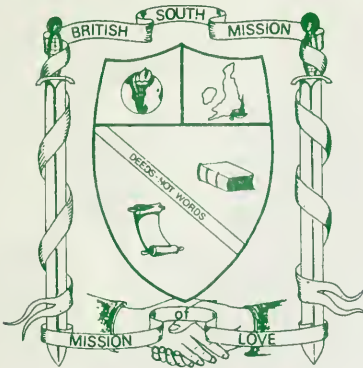
Jan Child assisting
her mother with the
"Top Baptisers" dinner.

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Hail to the British South Mission
None can compare, we're glad we're
here

We have a Prophets' commission
"Go to England, preach, have nothing to
fear."

Were proud of the British South Mission
Faithful and true we'll ever stand
Boldy proclaim to all and grateful to
Answer the call to baptise the saints of
this land.

CHORUS

Onward we forge ahead
Forever claiming truth
Through inspiration
To parents and to youth
Yes! onward we forge ahead,
Our testimonies grow.
We'll prove what we have said,
"The British South's the greatest mis-
sion we know."

(Words by J. W. and Joan Child)

(Music by Dorothy Killpack)



British South Mission Presidency, from left First Counselor, Peter Brighty; Pres. J. W. Child and Second Counselor, Robert Cornell.



British South Mission Office Staff.

Introducing British South Mission Counselors



Peter C. Brighty and his wife Madeliene,
First Counselor in the mission presi-
dency.

★ Pres. Peter Brighty met his wife, Madeleine, while he was serving with the Grenadier Guards stationed at Windsor. They were married on Christmas Day, 1943. They have one son, David, who is married and living at Sandhurst. He is presently the branch superintendent of Sunday School in Camberly.

Sis. Brighty was baptised in April, 1963 to be followed nine months later by Peter and David. Pres. Brighty has served as branch clerk, MIA superintendent and counselor in the Windsor Branch presidency. He was called as president of the Slough District when the British South Mission was formed and then in 1966 was sustained as Thames Valley District president. In 1967 he was called as first counselor to the mission president. Sis. Brighty presently is the Thames Valley District Relief Society president.

The Brighty's are both employed, Pres. Brighty as an office manager and Sis. Brighty as a secretary. They enjoy music, their garden, but most of all they love working in the Church.



President Robert Cornell, second counselor to the mission president, and Sister Cornell.

ROBERT CORNELL

Second Counselor to the Mission President

★ Robert Cornell was recently released as the president of the Thames Valley District. He was called as Second Counselor to the Mission President at the same conference.

President and Sister Cornell are natives of Bournemouth in Hampshire where they met and married in 1949. They have three children and were all converted to the Church and baptised together in 1963. It was a great step for Sister Cornell to take as she was

a chronic asthmatic and since childhood had a fear of being submersed in water. It took many long hours of discussion and prayer before she was able to find courage to overcome these problems and be baptised. Since this time she has enjoyed improved health and counts this as one of her treasured blessings.

President Cornell is a regular soldier having joined REME in 1948. He has served in several parts of the world including Egypt, East Africa, Singapore and Borneo. He is currently serving as a Regimental Sergeant Major at Bordon in Hampshire.

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Reading chapel and home of the British South Mission Office.

Mission Primary President Presented 20 Year Service Pin

★ The British South Mission proudly announces the award of a 20-year Primary Service Pin to Sally Palmer, Mission Primary president. The pin was presented at the Crawley District Conference in September by Sis. Joan Child, Mission Auxiliary supervisor.

Twenty years of devoted service is a great accomplishment, and Sister Palmer began by starting a Home Primary for her own children. The success from this early beginning and the results gained in teaching her children the Gospel have helped her in inspiring the branch Primaries throughout the mission, so that as many children as possible can have Primary and its blessings available to them. The Mission pays sincere tribute to Sister Palmer and thank her for her devoted service. She is a devoted worker at the London Temple.



Sally Palmer

Mission Superintendent Of Sunday Schools

★ Peter V. Tanner Jr. joined the church on October 22nd 1960. Since joining the church he has held several positions including assistant ward clerk and serving actively in the M.I. A. He has also served a three year building mission in both England and Ireland.

Through his efforts his parents also joined the church. His mother in December 1960 and his father in September 1961. Both are actively engaged in Church work.

In November 1966 Peter was called as a Temple Worker to the London Temple. He fulfilled this calling until his release late last year. He has also worked for the Genealogical Society here in England.

He was called to serve on the British South Mission as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent in September 1965 and there as the Mission Sunday School Superintendent in May 1966



Peter Tanner

which position he now holds.

Peter was married to Sister Carole Ann Frape in the London Temple on July 27th 1968.

As well as being actively engaged in Church work, Peter is an assistant to the General Manager at Deseret Enterprises Mitcham Surrey. His outside activities are riding, photography, and genealogy.

Mission MIA Leaders



Mission YMMIA Supt. and Mission YWMIA president Harry and Jessie Withington.

HARRY AND JESSIE WITHINGTON

★ Recently sustained as the Mission Leaders for the YMMIA and YWMIA are Harry and Jessie Withington. They have a family of three boys and are presently members of the Gosport Branch.

They have been very active members of the Church for many years. Sister Withington has served in the Relief Society District Presidency at Crawley and Brother Withington has been District President of the Crawley District.

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FRANK AND ANN CLIFFORD

★ The British South Mission appreciates having the musical talent of Bro. Frank Clifford. He has been instrumental in forming district choirs and helping branch choirs. He is responsible for the annual Mission Music Festival and has encouraged many to perform and develop their talents.

Bro. Clifford is fortunate to have his wife, Anne, as interested in music as he is. Together they teach the Gospel through music. Sis. Clifford is responsible for the Singing Mothers, of the mission. In addition they are busily engaged in Branch activities and help in the auxiliaries. They are members of the Aldershot Branch of Thames Valley District.



Olive Perry, Mission Relief Society President.

THE BRITISH SOUTH MISSION BOARD includes:

YMMIA & YWMIA, Harry & Jessie Withington

Relief Society, Olive Perry

Primary, Sally Palmer

Sunday School, Peter Tanner

Music Director, Frank Clifford.



James E. Talmage

JAMES E. TALMAGE

By Elder Robert Hali

★ Throughout the history of the Church of Jesus Christ, we can find the writings of inspired teachers. The authors of the four gospels, Paul, Peter and James are a few of the dedicated teachers of the Gospel from the Holy Land. Revelations were given to men in the Americas like Nephi and Moroni, which gives us the evidence of the Gospel from the western hemisphere in the Book of Mormon. These men have left their religious experiences, knowledge and testimonies as a witness from their dispensation of time.

Today the Lord has restored again the Gospel of Christ in its purest and perfect form. The Lord has raised up prophets and apostles. Like the apost-

les of old, they leave their literary works behind to guide and influence those who follow. We learn from their books, their writings and their divinely given counsel. One of the great apostles and authors of our time was Dr. James E Talmage.

He was born in Hungerford, Berkshire on September 21, 1862. It is a small village located twenty nine miles west of our mission headquarters in Reading. He was baptised and confirmed a member of the Church there on June 15, 1873. A short time later his family moved to Ramsburg, Wiltshire where he was ordained a deacon. In the spring of 1876 his entire family left their home in Ramsburg bound for Salt Lake City, Utah. They left Liverpool on May 22, 1876 and reached Utah on June 5th of the same year.

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The birthplace of James E. Talmage. The original building no longer stands. Brother Talmage was born near the archway of the Three Swans Hotel, at Hungerford, Berkshire, 29 miles west of Reading.

Dr. Talmage lived a life of dedication and service in the Church. He held various leadership positions in the Provo area. In 1884 he was ordained a high priest and set apart as an alternate high counselor in the Utah State of Zion. He was later sustained a member of the Deseret Sunday School Union at a special conference of the Church on November 10, 1901. On December 8, 1911 he was ordained an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, and set apart as one of the Council of the Twelve Apostles under the hands of President Joseph F. Smith, assisted by his counselors and members of the Council of Twelve.

He left a large selection of literary works of the Gospel. **Jesus the Christ** is his most widely read volume in which he clearly and incisively explains the Church's views of the life and teachings of Christ. In **The Articles of**

Faith he beautifully defines the restored Gospel. **The Story of Mormonism** and **The Apostacy and Restoration** are two other well known contributions to literature about the Church that he left.

He received his primary education in the national schools at Hungerford, Berkshire and Ramsburg, Wiltshire. He was interested in geology and received his higher education in several universities in the United States. He wrote numerous articles and books from his studies and knowledge in the field of geology. He also became an educator and an administrator in several colleges and universities in Utah.

Along with his distinguished Doctorate degrees, he was chosen an delegate of the Royal Society of Edinburgh to the Seventh International Geological Conference, held in Russia, in 1897, in connection with which appointment he traversed Russia, and crossed the Ural

mountains and reached Siberia.

He received other scholastic honours, among them the following: Fellow of the Royal Microscopic Society of London (F.R.M.S.), Fellow of the Geological Society of London (F.G.S.), Fellow of the Geological Society of America (F.G.S.A.), Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (F.R.S.E.), Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geological Society (F.R.S.G.S.), Fellow of the American Society of the advancement of Science; Life Associate of the Philosophical Society of Great Britain.

Four missionaries from the British South Mission, Elders Robert Hall, Marvin Stucki, Kim Samuelson & R. B. Reed found that there are many cousins and relatives of Brother Talmage left in the Hungerford and Ramsburg areas. In an interview with one of his relatives,

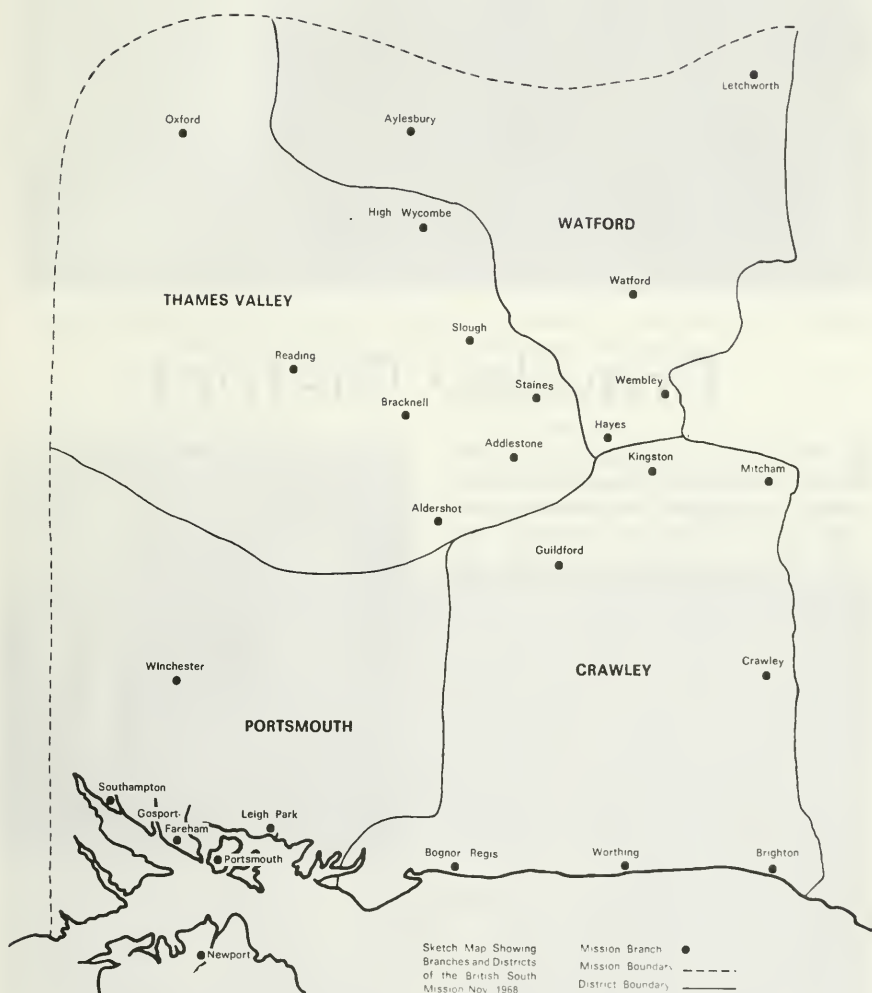
Harry Talmage, many new and interesting facts were obtained concerning some of the other members of the family. He could also tell us of Dr. Talmage's birthplace. The original building no longer stands in the High Street in which he was born, but there stands two public houses in the vicinity of this building. Many of the people in Hungerford were also willing to help us learn more of Dr. Talmage's life in that area. Harry Talmage also presented us with a copy of "Jesus the Christ" that was personally signed from Dr. Talmage to his father.

We are proud of the accomplishments of this great man. He has helped many understand more fully their relationship to the Saviour and to God. We thank the Lord for men like Dr. Talmage, who will stand up and be counted.



Southampton Chapel Dedicated by Elder Spencer W. Kimball, Sept. 19, 1968.
Brian W. Newton, President of the Branch.

British South Mission





Crawley District Presidency with High Councilmen; Victor Palmer, John Dodd, Second Counselor; Pres. James Hart; First Counselor, Herbert Tassell; Clerk, William Lawther; Kenneth Bennett, Peter W. R. Tanner.

Crawley District

★ Pres. James Hart has been a member of the Church for the past ten years. His interest was kindled when two lady missionaries called at the Hart home and offered to teach the family the Gospel. Sister Hart was already a member but had lost contact with the Church. Even the record of her baptism had been lost. Sister Hart was again baptised at the time that their two children, Linda and Jamie, entered the waters of baptism.

Pres. Hart was baptised a year later and has been fully involved in Church leadership ever since. He served in two branches and one ward. He has been first counselor to three successive district presidents and now is President of the Crawley District.

Sister Hart has served as president of the YWMIA and president of a branch Relief Society. She has taught Sunday School and is now secretary to the London Temple president and assistant matron at the Temple.



Pres. and Sis. James Hart, Crawley District.

Linda served a mission in the British Mission. She is now married to a former French missionary, Ward Rasmussen. They now have a son, Ward III. Jamie is still in school and is now studying for his "A" levels.

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Bognor Regis Branch Presidency; Second Counselor, Alan Ransey; President Christopher Vranich; First Counselor, Robert Burt.

BOGNOR REGIS BRANCH

★ Bognor Regis is a seaside town. The Branch area includes Chichester, cathedral town and capital of Sussex.

It is within easy reach of the Roman Ruins at Fishbourne and many other areas of historical interest.

The Branch was organized February 14, 1964 and has a membership of 96.



Bognor Regis Branch.



Guildford Branch Members.



Clive B. Payne Guildford Branch president.

GUILDFORD BRANCH

★ Guildford is a Cathedral town and has many fine buildings and places of historic interest. The new Yvonne Arnau theatre is located alongside the river in a picturesque setting. Clive B. Payne

is Branch President having served for three years. He came to Guildford from Nottingham Ward Leicester Stake where he was a Stake High Councilman. M. G. Anthony Johnson is his First Counselor.

Kingston Branch Presidency; Pres. Leslie Freeman; Clerk, Ralph Wensley.



CRAWLEY DISTRICT includes the following branches:

BRIGHTON
BOGNOR REGIS

CRAWLEY
GUILDFORD
WORTHING
KINGSTON
MITCHAM

British South Mission



Mitcham Branch Presidency; Second Counselor, Barry Grant; Pres. Anthony J. M. Classon; First Counselor, William Brock.

BRIGHTON BRANCH

★ The Brighton Branch Presidency consists of President Frederick J. Bishop, Derek Dixon, 1st Counselor, Peter Werner Strüb, 2nd Counselor; the Branch Clerk is a much travelled Armenian, John Nicholson.

The Branch, which now has over 400 members, is rapidly outgrowing its Chapel, but permission has been given for extensions to be built on to the original building; and this work is soon to commence.

Brighton is a great cultural centre. Not far from the Chapel is Sussex University and in the town can be found dramatic societies, writer's groups, museums, and every other form of recreation to stir the mind and delight the heart of civilized people.

And what of the future? The Branch hope to be the centre of a coastal stake within the next ten years.

Until then they are working towards being an integral part of a future Crawley Stake.



Brighton Branch Presidency:
Derek Dixon, 1st Counselor
President Frederick J. Bishop
Peter Werner Strüb, 2nd Counselor

Portsmouth District

★ Bro. and Sis. Frederick T. Talbot, formerly of Portsmouth District, recently immigrated to the United States. Bro. Talbot had been president of the Portsmouth district for several years. The new district president is Allen Busath.

★ Two young elders called at the home of the Talbots in the spring of 1956. It was at a time when Pres. Talbot was working away from home for a dredging firm. Sister Talbot immediately accepted the message they brought and knew it was true. In great excitement she wrote to her husband expecting him to respond in a like manner. Pres. Talbot, however, lived a good life and saw no necessity for any further religion. His wife was so persistent in expressing her testimony that he returned home to investigate.

The missionaries worked with this family for two years and Pres. Talbot said "Because of the strength and testimony of my wife and her desire that our children should be brought up in this Church, I conceded and we were baptised, the whole family together on the 9th of March, 1958." Sister Talbot had not been well for some time and the day following her baptism was taken to the hospital where she remained for five months.

Pres. Talbot was left with the care of their home and children. It was during this difficult period that his testi-

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT includes the following branches:

GOSPORT-FAREHAM
LEIGH PARK
NEWPORT-ISLE OF WIGHT
PORTSMOUTH
SOUTHAMPTON
WINCHESTER.



Pres. and Sis. Frederick T. Talbot, Portsmouth District.

mony grew and became strong. He said that prayer, living the Gospel, visiting his wife as well as the help and love offered by the Church members and missionaries fanned the spark of testimony to a strong, steady flame. Pres. Talbot was ordained an Elder in 1959 and has held responsible positions of leadership since that time.

Two of their daughters have married returned missionaries and are living in Salt Lake City. The Talbots now have three grandchildren. Gary, their only son, completed a full-time mission last year and has now joined his two sisters in Salt Lake City. Linda, at fifteen, loves the Church and contributes much through her gifts of music.

Pres. Talbot concludes "Our blessings have been too numerous to name, both spiritual and material. Our lives would be empty and meaningless without our testimonies which grow daily."

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Portsmouth District Presidency; Clerk, Harry Peachock; Second Counselor, Reginald Littlecott; Pres. Allen Busath; First Counselor, Leonard Eden.



Portsmouth District Auxiliary Leaders; Brother Pretty, Sunday School Superintendent; Sis. Newton, Primary; Bro. Parrin, Sunday School; Sis. Littlecott, Primary; Bro. Tate, YMMIA; Bro. Osborne, Sunday School; Bro. Gulvin, YMMIA; Sis. Robbins, Organist.



Portsmouth District YWMIA Presidency; Secretary Susan Tate; Pres. Eleanor Crook; Second counselor, Susan Moore.



Leigh Park Branch Presidency; Clerk, Malcolm G. Robbins; Pres. Michael John Hartley; Counselor, Laurence O. Scott.

Newport Branch Presidency Isle of Wight; Melchizedek Priesthood Advisor, Brother Banner; Branch President, Anthony Maizey; Second Counselor and Clerk, Leslie Hawkins.



Southampton Branch Presidency; First Counselor, Reginald Farrell; Pres. Brian Newton; Second Counselor, Bro. Hose; Clerk, Bro. Dyer.

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WINCHESTER BRANCH

★ Winchester Branch is the newest branch in the Portsmouth District. It was formed in April, 1968. Originally it was a part of the Southampton Branch but growth in membership justified forming an independent branch. William W. Steward was called as Branch President. He is a Warrant Officer in the Army Physical Training Corps. His First Counselor is H. John Tate who has been a member of the Church for over six years. Recently sustained as Second Counselor is Howe Loveland from Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. He is serving the Church as a missionary with his wife. They are the parents of fourteen children and now have fifty one grandchildren.

The Winchester Branch already have a chapel as a goal. They hope to be able to build in three years and have set £150 as a target.



Winchester Branch Presidency; William Steward (former branch president); Josia Loveland (present branch president); First Counselor, John Tate (absent when photo was taken).



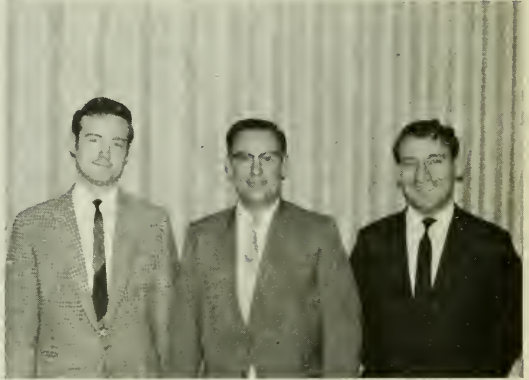
Elder Spencer W. Kimball as he addressed several congregations during his tour of the British South Mission.

Thames Valley District

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT:

includes following branches:

ADDLESTONE
ALDRSHOT
BASINGSTOKE (dependent)
BRACKNELL
CAMBERLY (dependent)
HIGH WYCOMBE
NEWBURY (dependent)
OXFORD
READING
SLOUGH
STAINES



THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

★ Organised in 1964 by combining the former Slough and Reading Districts it has experienced steady growth.

At the September 1968 District Conference, a new District President Alfred E. Haslem was sustained, with Keith Wigglesworth as first counselor and Derek Parkin second counselor. Norman Dennett continues as district clerk.

Pres. Haslem is married with three children, he and his wife Dorothy be-

came converts six years ago since when both have served in many capacities. Pres. Haslem has been branch president, counselor to three district presidents, and was first counselor to President Don K. Archer when the British South Mission was formed.

Born in Liverpool, he moved to Reading 18 years ago. He is the principle of Target Press Ltd., the company which prints the Millennial Star for Deseret Enterprises.



Thames Valley District Relief Society Presidency; Secretary, Mary Lovelock; Second Counselor, Gillian Brown-Lee and Pres. Madeliene Brighty.

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Thames Valley District YMMIA Superintendency; First Assistant, Gregory Hall; Supt. Arthur Hunter.



Moira Peacock Thames Valley District Primary president.

Thames Valley District Second Elders' Quorum presidency; Peter Monks, Francis Peacock, Lewis R. Johnson.



Thames Valley District Sunday School; Assistant Supt. C. Thompson; Secretary, Mary Bowling; Supt. Walter Woodrow.

Thames Valley District WMIA presidency; Secretary, Pat Dockrill; Pres. Winnifred Silcott; First Counselor, Betty Moyle.



ADDLESTONE BRANCH

★ Addlestone was organized as an independent branch in February, 1967. Previously it had been a dependent branch attached to Staines. The membership now tops one hundred and there is a high percentage of activity. President B. E. Green is the Branch President with J. F. Hand as his First Counselor and P. F. Myers as his Second Counselor.

The event of the year for Addlestone Branch was the marriage of two members, Terence Bleasdale and Brenda Whitehead. President Green officiated and the Relief Society organised the reception and planned and prepared the food.



Addlestone Branch Presidency; Pres. Bryan Green; Second Counselor, Phillip F. Myers.



Aldershot Branch Presidency; Pres. George Wagstaff; First Counselor, Derek Pike

ALDERSHOT BRANCH

★ Aldershot Branch encompasses the Aldershot, Farnborough and Farnham area.

Before organization of the branch in 1963, members attended Church in Guildford. Several missionary couples have laboured in the branch. The most recent being President and Sister George Wagstaff from Spokane, Washington.

Aldershot is the home of the British Army and some of the branch membership is made up of members of the armed forces who are stationed in the area.



Bracknell Branch Presidency; Second Counselor, Robert Blackwood; President, William Boome; First Counselor, Lewis Johnson.

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Presiding Elder of Basingstoke Branch, Edward Bardsley; Presiding Elder of Newbury Branch, Gary Hartle.

HIGH WYCOMBE BRANCH

★ High Wycombe is a busy, industrial town which lies in the valley between two hills forming part of the Chiltern Range. Well known to many who use the A 40 route to the west country and Wales, the town is at present undergoing a massive redevelopment programme in the town centre and will benefit from a reduction of traffic when the new M 40 route has been completed.

The members of the Church in High Wycombe are led by President "Bill" Brown-Lee, a business man, who only arrived in this area in December last year from the Worcester Branch of the Central British Mission where he was a member of the Midlands West District Presidency. President Brown-Lee also serves the Church in the capacity of a director of Deseret Enterprises Ltd.

First Counselor is Alvin D. Rickers who is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S.A.F. based in High Wycombe. The Air Force Base is an added source of strength to the branch. Brother Rickers has served the Church in many capaci-

Dennie Carbine.
Camberly presiding
elder



High Wycombe Branch Presidency; Pres. William Brown-Lee; First Counselor, Alvin Rickers.

ties in many areas of the world. He and his family contribute much to the progress of the Branch.

Second Counselor is Thomas R. O'Connell, a senior instructor with the Thames Valley Motor Bus Company. He has not been a member of the Church for very long, but his fine testimony and diligence to his calling endear him to everyone in the Branch, particularly the children with whom he achieves a wonderful rapport.

High Wycombe is a growing branch

that is driving hard towards a building of its own.

There is fine leadership in every auxiliary achieving that rare combination spiritual and practical appreciation which must be the aim of every Mormon Community.

Asked what is the most important contribution being made in this Branch, President Brown-Lee said "Probably the fellowshiping programme. Immediately after baptism we undertake a complete

fellowshipping programme which permits us to come close to and love our new members. We come to know their strengths and employ them; understand their weaknesses and assist them to overcome them. By the time the fellowshiping programme is complete our new members are well adjusted to their new way of life and contributing to our mutual progress. Our aim is to never lose a member through lack of love and understanding."



Oxford Branch Presidency; Clerk, Larry Mecliam; President, Leon Clay; Second Counselor, Nicholas Allnott.



Former Reading Branch Presidency; Clerk, John Powell; Counselor, Raymond Knight; President, Keith Wigglesworth; Clerk, Peter Rowe.

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New Reading Branch Presidency; First Counselor, Robert Silcott; Clerk, John Powell; Pres. Roger Jones; Clerk, Gerald Portch; Second Counselor, Peter Rowe.

READING BRANCH

★ The Reading Branch was first organized in the early 1870's. For years the saints there met together until their ranks were so depleted by emigration to the states, that it was closed. It was reopened after World War II and has been growing in membership and strength since. Three years ago the Reading chapel was completed in Tilehurst, Reading. It was dedicated in September, 1967 by James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Council of Twelve. It now has a full programme with all auxiliaries functioning.

Keith Wigglesworth has been the Branch President for the past two years. He was recently released and called to be a counselor in the District Presidency. Robert E. G. Jones has been called as the new Branch President with Robert Silcott as First Counselor and Peter Rowe as Second Counselor.

SLOUGH BRANCH

★ Slough Branch was first organized in 1961, but the Slough Branch of today is the result of an amalgamation of the old Slough and Windsor Branches which took place in July 1968.

Encompassed within the boundaries of

the branch are the three towns of Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead. Slough is a large town in the south of Buckinghamshire. It is an industrial centre and celebrated as the place where Sir William Aerschel made his many astronomical discoveries. On the outskirts of the town is Stoke Poges, scene of Thomas Grays "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" and the lovely Burnham Beeches. Near to Slough on the Buckinghamshire bank of the Thames, is Eton College.

Windsor, with its grey towers and



Slough Branch Presidency; First Counselor, Patrick Hayes; Pres. George Denham.

battlements reflected in the waters of the Thames, the royal palace of Windsor Castle stands like a sentinel against the ageless sky. The Windsor Great Park is noted for its long walk, a magnificent avenue nearly three miles long which leads towards Virginia Water, a picturesque artificial lake. To the left of the castle lies what is left of Windsor forest. Also nearby is the beautiful John F. Kennedy Memorial.

Maidenhead is situated on one of the most beautiful reaches of the Thames. A favourite angling resort, it also provides delightful boating. There are many beautiful parks which provides ample opportunities for walking, boating, riding, and fishing.

The branch has strong ties with the Bielefield Branch in the Central German Mission. This summer a party of young people and adults spent two weeks in the homes of the Bielefield Branch and upon leaving were presented a beautiful plaque of the city of Bielefield. Next summer a party are planning to visit Slough for two weeks,

when we hope to return the great love and hospitality which was shown us.

At the present time we have started a project to raise funds for our building programme. We are having Church Historical calendars printed which we hope to sell throughout the Mission Field.

George P. Denham serves as Branch President. He was baptised in 1958 with his family. They came from the Sunderland District in what was then the British Mission. He has worked for the Church building department and has served in several branch presidencies.

Patrick Hayes, First Counselor was born in the Republic of Ireland. He came to England in 1952. He was married in 1953 and ten years later joined the Church with his family.

David J. Wilson, Branch Clerk has been a member of the Church for nearly three years. He has served in the Sunday School and as First Counselor in the Windsor Branch Presidency.



THE DUDLEY FAMILY

★ In May of 1968 the family of William and Hilda Dudley and their 10 children came into the Church. It was a joyous occasion not only for them and for the two elders who brought them the gos-

pel, but also for the Kingston Branch in the Crawley District.

The children are: Ann, 18, Timothy, 15, John, 14, June 12, James, 11, Trudy, 9, Lynne, 8, Paul, 6, Clare, 5, and Jennifer, 2.

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Staines Branch Presidency; Brother Walter Fisher, Eric J. Rowland, Larry Hamilton

STAINES BRANCH

★ The Staines Branch is located on the outskirts of greater London stretching to the borders of Great Windsor Park. It is a beauty spot of the area and ideal for the "Bank Holiday Picnics" often held there. The Branch was formed in 1961 as a dependent branch on Slough and within a year became in-

dependent. The membership is now 113.

Eric Rowland serves as Branch President with Larry Hamilton and Walter Fisher as his counselors. The Rowlands have been members of the Church for seven years and joined while President Rowland was with Her Majesties Forces in Colchester, Essex. They have two children, Sharon and Allan.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

"No amount of knowledge, of inspiration and testimony as to the divinity of the work of God will be of benefit to us unless we put that knowledge into actual practice in the daily walks of life. It is not the amount that any individual may know that will benefit him and his fellows; but it is the practical application of that knowledge."

—Heber J. Grant

A Time For Living

1st PLACE, British South Mission Relief Society Poetry Contest 1968

The sun's rays creep across the frozen ground,
Chasing away the fleeing frouds of night,
Loosing the icy band round each grass blade,
And warming it with morning's generous light.
Now, as in welcome to the early spring,
Thrushes and warblers sing in accents clear,
Beneath the shivering earth the snowdrops stir,
There is a whisper, "Spring is nearly here."
Next pussy willow buds begin to swell,
And nodding lambs'-tails gambol in the breeze,
Gay daffodils dance lightly to and fro,
Beneath the tracery of young birch trees.

Is summer here, or is it still the Spring?
The cuckoo cries, the nightingale doth sing,
The owl hoots, the apple blossom falls,
The garden welcomes, and the country calls.
The hesitating rose unfolds a flower,
The young birds test their first slight flying power,
The grass grows long, the pansy faces smile,
And Nature seems to feel herself on trial.
The clematis is budding on the wall,
Aubretia in profusion covers all
The rocky places, and the song-birds fly
To herald England's summer, in the sky.

I too can herald summer in my turn,
And use the long light evenings to learn
About my Father's way, and serve him well,
For autumn comes too soon, to break thy spell.
When winter follows on so cold and drear,
The time my work should finish will be near,
Then must I rest, as flowers, for Thy Spring,
When Thou shalt reign, as our most glorious King.

—Sister Gillian G. Brown-Lee, High Wycombe Branch
Thames Valley District.

Watford District



Watford District Presidency; from left to right, Bro. Victor L. McDaniel, district clerk; Pres. Mike MacDonald, First Counselor; Pres. Daniel R. Howells, district president; Pres. Robert N. Radtke Second counselor.

WATFORD DISTRICT includes the following branches:

AYLESBURY
HAYES
LETCWORTH

WATFORD
WEMBLEY.

★ The Watford District were happy to welcome and sustain Daniel Reese Howell as the district president at a recent district conference. Pres. Howell is an assistant architect for the Aylesbury Council and lives with his wife and two children, Stephen and Susan at Aylesbury. They attend the Aylesbury Branch where they have been active members since their baptism five years ago.

Pres. Howell's first contact with the Church was at the age of five when he heard a teacher express her testimony of the Gospel. This so impressed him that in later years he remembered this incident and recognised that this person had been a Latter-day Saint. His interest in religion continued throughout his growing years he joined the Congregational Church and taught Sunday School and took an interest in

Moral Re-armament.

The war years found Pres. Howell serving his country in the Middlesex Regiment and then as staff officer in 160 Brigade Headquarters of the 53rd division in the Rhine Army. He was ever searching for the true church and did all in his power to prepare for "that day."

Sister Howell was born in Newport. She met and married Dan Howell when he came as a young man to stay at her mother's home. In 1962 the missionaries came to the Howells. It was Dan who first answered the call of his Father in Heaven. Mauren soon followed. They have been devoted, active, contributing members of the Church since this time holding many positions of responsibility and serving diligently. They have enjoyed many blessings and truly live to magnify their callings in the Church.



Watford District Relief Society Presidency; First Counselor, Ida Radtke; Pres. Jean Oliver; Secretary, June Sivers.

Bible Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb	Judges 5 v 25 (Last Clause)
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb	Jeremiah 6 v 20
1 Tablespoon	I Samuel 14 v 25
3	Jeremiah 17 v 11
1 lb	1 Samuel 30 v 12
1 lb	Nahum 3 v 12 (Chopped)
2 ozs	Numbers 17 v 8 (Blanched and chopped)
1 lb	1 Kings v 22
	2 Chronicles 9 v 9 (Season to taste)
	Leviticus 2 v 13 (A pinch of)
1 Teaspoon	Amos 4 v 5
3 Tablespoons	Judges 4 v 19

N.B. Leaven means Baking Powder:

Beat 1, 2, and 3 to a cream: add 4 one at a time: still beating. Then add 5, 6, 7, and beat again: Add 8, 9, 10, and 11 having previously mixed them and last add number 12.

To save you doing any research see page 72 for ingredients.

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Watford District Primary Presidency; Celia G. Smith, Pres. (centre); Counselor, Carol Christofferson; Counselor, Jean Henderson.



Watford District Elders Unit Leader, Kenneth Jex.



Watford District MIA; Supt. of YMMIA, Frederick C. Fox; Pres. of YWMIA, Mary Fox



Aylesbury Branch Presidency; First Counselor, William Self; Pres. Allan Henderson; Second Counselor, William Orford; Clerk, Kenneth Gibbs.



Aylesbury Branch Officers and Teachers.

FROM NOW ON . . .

3rd Place

British South Mission Relief Society
Poetry Contest 1968



Pres. and Sis. Daniel R. Howell, of
Watford District.

My heart is filled with new resolve
To strive a little harder,
To pave the way for little feet,
Least they should tend to wander
Along the paths that lead to tears,
Lost hopes, regrets and heartaches,
To help her know that Thou art kind,
Forgiving, not upbraiding,
That Heavenly Father loves her, and
He sent His Son as Saviour,
So she and all those precious souls
This world is truly blest with,
May reunite in Heaven above,
With Him to live forever,
And what has brought this earnest hope,
This joy, this longing too?
To one who needs Thy daily help
A toddler said, "I love you."

by Veronica Blagrove

Oxford Branch, Thames Valley District

British South Mission



Letchworth Branch officers and teachers.



Watford Branch Presidency; Presiding Elder Cecil Burk; Clerk, Elder Schoenfeld.



Wembly Branch Presidency; Pres. Ronald Askew; Second Counselor, J. Drieghton; First Counselor, B. Gell; Branch Clerk, T. Martin are not pictured.



Letchworth Branch Presidency; Pres. Berry, First Counselor, Elder R. B. Reed.

WEMBLY BRANCH

★ The Wembly Branch meets in Wembly near the Stadium and pool. It is located close to the famous Harrow school, as well. It was organized in 1962 by the missionaries in Harrow and grew so rapidly that it was divided into Wembly and Hayes branches. Ronald Askew was called to serve as Branch President in 1966 and with Bro. B. Gell and Bro. J. Drieghton as his counselors.

RECIPES FOR YOU

GUY FAWKES RECIPES

★ Try these recipes for your Guy Fawkes celebration. They can all be prepared the day before so that "Mum" misses none of the excitement from sparklers, rockets and pin wheels. The mince roll can be warmed in a moderate oven during the festivities and served outdoors or in with equal success. Serve crisp, raw carrot and celery sticks and finish your meal with assorted cakes and biscuits.

SAVOURY MINCE ROLL

Ingredients:

- 1 lb minced steak
- 4 oz chopped prunes (optional)
- 4 oz chopped bacon
- 4 oz chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Egg for glazing
- 1 lb suet crust pastry

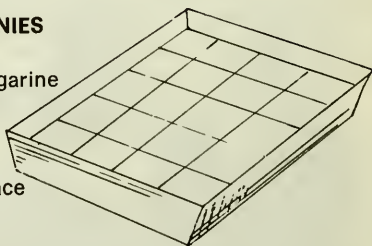


Method:

Mix thoroughly steak, prunes, bacon, onion and herbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Roll out suet crust. Cut into large rectangle and spread with filling. Damp edges of pastry, roll up and place upside down in large loaf tin. Cut slits for steam to escape. Decorate with pastry leaves made from trimmings. Bake in hot oven for thirty minutes till set. Remove from tin, glaze with egg and continue cooking for twenty or thirty minutes.

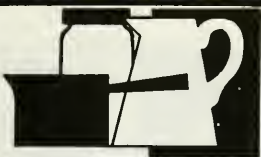
BROWNIES

- 8 oz self-raising flour
- 4 oz soft butter or margarine
- 5 oz sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 6 oz nuts
- 2 tablespoons milk



Method:

Warm the mixing bowl. Place flour, sugar, cocoa and butter in the bowl and mix well. Add the egg and milk and mix again to form a stiff dough. Stir in the nuts, coarsely chopped, and bake in a 8 x 9 inch cake tin at 375° for 15-20 minutes. Cut into squares while warm and dust with icing sugar.



SUGAR COOKIES

- 8 oz self-raising flour
- 6 oz sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon
- 4 oz butter

Method:

Cream the butter and sugar until light and creamy. Add the lemon rind and juice and then the flour, a spoonful at a time. Mix well. Press the dough into one ball and wrap in greaseproof paper. Chill in the refrigerator for about 1 hour. Roll out on a floured board to about $\frac{1}{2}$ " thickness, sprinkle with sugar and cut into fancy shapes with cookie cutters. Bake on ungreased sheets at 400° for 8 minutes. Allow to cool and ice and decorate or sandwich together with butter cream.

CHOCOLATE PINWHEELS

- 6 oz self-raising flour
- 4 oz butter or margarine
- 4 oz sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 2 tablespoon milk



Method:

Beat butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Add the egg yolk and vanilla and mix until well blended. Mix in half the flour with the salt, then the milk, then the remaining flour. Divide the mixture into two, putting half aside on a plate. Add the cocoa to the mixture remaining in the bowl and beat thoroughly. Keeping the vanilla and chocolate mixtures separate, allow them to rest, preferably in the refrigerator, until firm enough to roll out. Roll the two pieces of dough on a well floured board, into the same sized rectangles, about $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick. Carefully place the vanilla sheet on top of the chocolate and roll up lengthwise as for a Swiss roll. Wrap the roll in foil or grease-proof paper and chill for several hours in the refrigerator. Slice into $\frac{1}{4}$ " slices with a sharp knife and bake on an ungreased tray in a hot oven 400° for 7 minutes.

Note: When rolled and wrapped, the mixture may be kept 3-4 days in the refrigerator or 6 months in a deep freezer.



Wembley Branch officers and teachers.



Watford Branch officers and teachers.



Hayes Branch Presidency; Branch Clerk, Sidney Farrow; Pres. Ivan Haynle; First Counselor, Peter Oliver.

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HAYES BRANCH

★ Hayes Branch was organised six years ago as a small dependent branch of Slough meeting at Uxbridge. It is now an independent branch with about 300 members meeting at the American Air Force Base at West Ruislip. There is an active membership with a fine balance between American and English members forming a happy, co-operative unit.

The branch president, Ivan Haynie

was born in the Church and served a mission in Mexico. He was set apart as a Seventy in 1965 by Elder John Longden. He is assisted by Peter Oliver as First Counselor who has been a member for only a year.

The meetings are occasionally interrupted by the sound of aircraft landing at nearby London Airport. The Hayes Branch is also close to Ruislip Lido, renowned to water skiers as the place where World Championship standard of skiing can be seen.

Something Wanted Still

2nd Place British South Mission
Relief Society Poetry Contest 1968

Esther Lawther, Crawley, District

I ask of earth no more than this,
A little of her wealth.
Some place of blessed peacefulness,
A plentiful of health.
And then but this is more of heaven,
That someone's love to me be given.

Some other things I'd wish but these
Are quite a common need.
A quiet retreat wherein at ease,
To sit and muse and read;
And then Ah! yes I'd wish to share,
My joy with someone sitting there.

A few good friends to meet at times,
and talk of olden days.
With joke and jingling of rhymes
And such like pleasantries.
And then Ah! yes I'd like to see
The smile of someone close to me.

To music still I would aspire,
And give allegiance strong.
And pledge unquenchable desire,
In memorable song.
'If in my praise I might combine.
Some voice in harmony with mine.

I know that in my humble way,
The things the world holds good .
The Garish lust of luxury,
Were foreign to my mood,
Sufficient if I'd but possess.
The luxury of one caress.

Faithful Couple Recall Experiences Through The Years

By George and Mary Laycock

★ Memories what can they mean to us? As we reflect on incidents that have taken place since our youth we have sincere and happy memories of what we think are basic to what we have been able to do as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For we both recall with gladness in our hearts the occasion that a Patriarch came to this island in the year 1934 and gave us our patriarchal blessing. He told us many things, some of which have come to pass and many things which would take place if we continued faithful. One thing he did stress at the very beginning, was that the Gospel of the Saviour would be here in its fulness and if we would take counsel and do all those things which the Lord desired of us, then all would be well. How true and how grateful we both are for this gift of knowing that a guideline has been given us so we may know just what to do.

Here in England, many years ago, we did not have Primaries and the Mutual Improvement organisations functioning as they are today, but we do vividly remember the first M.I.A. convention which was held at Kidderminster and also the wonderful time which was had by everyone present. The sports, the dancing, the general session and assembling of the youth, before we returned home, also the singing of "Come, Come Ye Saints" conducted by Doctor Russell. This was done in the large darkened hall and all we could see, was the movement of a tiny light

which was installed in the end of the baton. To us it represented the light of the Gospel, in a world of darkness and it carried with it the urge to follow its distinctive beckoning through to a goal of achievements.

In 1937, another M.I.A. convention was held at the sports stadium in Rochdale, Lancashire and the principal guest was none other than the Prophet, President Heber J. Grant. To me, was allotted the task of representing the British youth of M.I.A. and to present to the Prophet the flag of England. What a thrill it was, and what gladness filled our hearts, for there standing with him on the rostrum was President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., George D. Piper (superintendent of the Deseret Sunday Schools) Sister Ruth May Fox, president of the Womens M.I.A. and Elder Ezra Taft Benson.

In 1934, I was called to be the first English district president and some years later, the first English president of the Quorum of Elders. This included Leeds, Sheffield and Hull Districts. Sister Laycock and I cherish the happy memories, not just because of the calling but because of the love and support given us by the wonderful brethren and loving sisters with whom we worked. We would like to say once more that we loved them all and still do.

One great joy came to us when Sister Laycock was called to work on the British Mission Relief Society Board. This she did for nine years and we know now that that was where the Lord

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George and Mary Laycock.

needed her, for her blessing tells her that she would be a counselor amongst the sisters, young and old.

In 1959 was another great day in our log of remembrances, for we were called to come to the Temple and share in the privileges which are afforded to all who work and labour in this Holy House. Two years later the Church purchased a building to which the Temple visitors may come and stay overnight and it was our assignment to manage this work. The memories are many fold. We have seen sons and daughters of missionaries whom we remember that were here on their missions. They were not then married, but remained faithful teachers to their families and have helped their children do the work of the Lord.

In the year 1916, Mary and I were baptised and confirmed by an Elder Worthlin. He came to visit us recently. What we talked about was the past and you can imagine the tears of joy which we all shared together on that most

memorable occasion. Yes, memories do live. They are teachers for the future, adjusters and directors to the living of better, bigger and fuller lives. They are, to a great extent, target setters, barometers, life's fulcrum adjusters and more than anything else, they are the picture of a life past.

As long as the good Lord needs us, we will be there waiting, watching and humbly accepting the rallying call to service for we love to work with Him and not against Him. It is here at the Temple and at Edenbrook that many hours of joy have been had. We treasure the memory of all the wonderful saints who have made great sacrifices so that they could come to the Lord's house and do the work for so many who have passed on. These good folks are memory builders too and the future will bring them happy memories. We believe that their greatest joy will be when they meet with those for whom they have done so much. Let us, therefore, "Seek first the kingdom of God" and by so doing become added upon, that our lives will reflect the true and valued purpose of trying to live righteously.

May we, close this part of our chapter so far lived by expressing this thought:

O memory, without thee
Our lives would be empty,
Our working hours
Would have no hope,
Our balance would be unsteady,
God our Father give us strength
Like unto thee,

To build our lives with sweet memory.

(George and Mary Laycock are the British South Mission's beloved Senior Citizens. They are at present supervising the Bureau of Information at the London Temple.)

"And When Ye Shall Receive These Things"

1st Place—British South Mission Short Story Contest 1968 Relief Society

By Margaret L. Phelps,
Southampton Branch

★ Emily May fumbled in her purse for the correct fare. Her hands, stiff with arthritis, refused to manipulate the coins. At last, in triumph, she produced the correct money to give to the patiently waiting conductor, and he smiled down at her benevolently.

As the bus continued its journey, Emily May settled back in her seat and became lost in thought. Was it only this morning that the letter came about the new flat? She had hurried down to the council offices to find out all about it and couldn't believe that it had happened. They were going to pull down her old cottage and move her to a new housing estate.

What about her garden? She could see the workman's boots trampling down her carefully planted bulbs and precious primroses. The rose bushes never bloom this summer, or any other now. All this was to go and for her it would be a luxury flatlet.

"Luxury", she startled herself at saying this word out loud and quickly looked around to see if anybody was giving her strange looks, but no, everyone was too preoccupied with their own thoughts.

"Anyone for Redleigh Post Office?" the conductor's voice called along the bus.

"Yes, me." Emily May hadn't realised she was at her destination and had to jump up quickly, an embarrassed look on her face, as she felt people watch her move slowly along towards the platform to disembark.

"I'm terribly sorry not to have got up sooner."

"That's all right, lady, we've got all day," and the bus conductor took her arm and descended the platform with her to the pavement.

She took from her bag the crumpled piece of paper with the directions that the man at the Council Offices had given her and she made her way along the wide white pavements, feeling strange and alien.

Eventually, she found the block of flats where her future home was situated and looked up at the massive construction in awe and apprehension. Then her sharp, blue eyes narrowed. Her face, with skin like wrinkled paper, became set and, bracing her shoulders, she marched across the flagged courtyard as best as she could manage.

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Once inside, the automatic lift was the next obstacle and she surmounted this by waiting for another person to arrive on the scene and explain the workings of that particular marvel of man's invention.

A few seconds later and the door of her flat was before her. It was clean and bright with pale distempered walls, tiled floors and large picture windows. It was not quite so bad as Emily May had imagined but she felt out of place within the walls of this building.

For a while she stood contemplating the bareness of it all, her feelings surging inside of her, feelings of despondency and loneliness. Then, holding on to the wooden surround of the fire place, she eased herself to the floor and poured out her heart to the only one who could possibly understand.

"Dear God, why couldn't things have been left as they were, just for a little while longer, I would so much have liked to spend my last days in the home that John and I made together. We had so many happy times there, sad times to when the news came that our two sons had been killed in the war. All my life has been wrapped up in that cottage and now it is to be pulled down, why? Oh, why?"

Emily May knelt silently with her head bowed, the sun shining on her diminutive body. The time slipped by and she still knelt there, somehow she was at peace and felt near to her Heavenly Father. Her thoughts sped back over the years and she could hear the words that her Father had spoken so long ago, when she failed to win a ribbon for pony events in the local gymkhana.

"Now, Emily May, don't get so upset. Things don't always go the way you expect or want them. Sometimes we fail in things when we have tried our best and sometimes it seems that we have troubles heaped upon us. But the

Lord works in a strange way and most of these things turn out for the best".

"Yes," thought Emily May, "Who am I to expect the world to revolve around me, and anyway, as Father used to say, the Lord sometimes works in a strange way and I may yet see the reason for things happening as they have."

With these thoughts she began to rise from her knees. It was a very painful process after kneeling in one position for so long but she was compensated by the peace that now filled her mind.

It was one week later that Emily May moved her belongings to her new home, and it was while she was standing in the corridor near the lift, that she first saw the two young men. They had come from one of the flats further along the passageway and a young lady, who must have been the occupier, was seeing them to the lift. It was she who spoke.

"Oh, are you just moving in? I expect you could do with some help".

"Well, yes" said Emily May, very dubiously.

"Perhaps we could help you get your furniture in place". It was the taller of the two young men who spoke and Emily noticed that he had an American accent.

"Well, I was worrying about how to get everything straight, and my arthritis does make things difficult. Yes, I would be very pleased with your help".

She was quite surprised at herself, inviting complete strangers into her home, but they had such open faces and she really did need the help.

In no time at all things were beginning to look tidier, although still rather bare. The helpers were wonderful company and kept her laughing the whole time. As she was putting out the photographs of her late husband and sons, she went to call one of the younger

men from the other room and realised that she didn't know his name.

"Do you realise, I don't know any of your names."

At this invitation they began telling her about themselves. The taller of the two men spoke and it seemed that his name was Elder Jameson and he came from Salt Lake City to England on a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The second man's name was Elder Thomas from California. His parents had gone there from Wales when he was a baby, and he was also a missionary.

The lady from along the corridor was Sister Jean Tanner and she was also a member of the same church. The elders had just been visiting her when they all met.

Emily May was a little stunned for a while, when she realised that they were 'Mormons'. All those stories that she had heard about them came pouring into her mind but somehow she couldn't feel any fear in the company of these young people, but she didn't particularly want to get involved with such a strange set of people, either.

Elder Thomas spoke.

"Would you like to know more about the Church, Mrs Cross?" "Oh, no, no, I'm too old to change my ways now, but thank you for all your help, it really has been appreciated."

They didn't press her any further but just continued to clean and tidy up as though nothing had happened and when finished they left with a cheerful goodbye.

It wasn't until about an hour later that Emily May found the book with the pamphlets inside. She was about to take them down to Jean Turner, when she noticed the words written inside the cover.

Dear Sister Cross,

If you take time to read these things I'm sure you will find them interesting and if you pray about them, you will know of their truth.

Elder Thomas & Jameson

She banged the books down onto the sideboard as though they were red hot and refused to take any further notice of them. Sometimes, though, when dusting the pictures of her family, she would become tempted to take just a little look, but not anything more than that. Somehow they bothered her, so she decided to tuck them away in a cupboard. However, they still played on her mind. Sometimes at night, before going to sleep, she would think about the young men that had helped her and the books that they left that were hidden away in the linen cupboard. She would declare to herself that they probably knew no more than any other religion and had no more to offer and turn over and go to sleep.

Emily May had always been a devout Church goer in her youth and it was at church that she met her husband. They were married in the little village church not far from her old home and it was in the same building that their two sons had been christened, John first, named after his father, of course, and David next, named after his grandfather.

They were beautiful babies and grew into fine young men. At the outbreak of war, when both of them volunteered, she often thought of what life would be like if one of them was lost, but little envisaged losing both.

Those were sad days for Emily May and John. They naturally turned to God and the church for comfort. In their prayers together they found peace in God but there were many questions that

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needed answers. It was to their local vicar that they went. He was a good man and did his best in giving them the little information he possessed about life after death, but he knew this was inadequate. His parting words had been.

"I'm so sorry I can't be of more comfort to you. Sometimes I feel it would be wonderful to have someone on the earth who really knew all the answers, a Prophet or something."

After this Emily May and John went to church less frequently until they stopped all together, but they always kept up their prayers.

Emily May awoke to a beautiful bright morning. Her thoughts were happy and at peace, for she had been dreaming about John.

He had been sitting at a large desk, bent over his work and she had crept up behind him and kissed the back of his neck, he turned, smiling, and she noticed what he was doing, reading a book, the same book that was tucked away in her cupboard.

"Just coincidence", she said to herself "It must have been a culmination of thoughts".

Jean Turner had continued to call on Emily May to make sure that she was all right and see if she needed anything, and today was one of her usual days for calling.

"Hello, Mrs. Cross, is there anything I can help you with this morning?"

"Thank you, my dear, for calling. There are one or two things that I need from the shop. Come in a minute".

As Emily May sorted out her money and wrote down the things that were needed, she took note of Jean's face, somehow it seemed even more happy and radiant than usual.

"You're looking very happy today, Jean Dear, something special happened?"

"Oh, I should say so," her voice bubbled with excitement, "My husband and I were married for time and all eternity yesterday and I'm still walking on air."

Emily May stopped what she was doing and turned a puzzled face towards Jean and she, realising that what she was talking about was all new to Emily May, began to explain.

It was much later that Jean eventually left for the shops.

Emily May was sitting in her favourite chair looking fondly on the faces of her husband and sons. In her mind she went over the events of the last few weeks. Could it be that she now had the reason why, the answer to her prayers? Were Jean and those two Young elders the reason she had come to this new home?

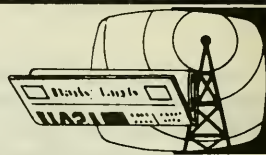
A few minutes later, when Jean came back from the shops, she found Emily May with her grey head bent intently over a book, a book that began:

"I Nephi, having been born of goodly parents".

**KNOWLEDGE
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POWER**

"The limit of my power is the limit of my knowledge and understanding; if I can extend the scope of these, I can grow in power, because truly, knowledge is power." —Albert E. Bowen

NEWS



SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The WESTON-SUPER-MARE Branch annual M.I.A. Volley Ball Tournament is growing in popularity, and more than 100 people took part this year compared with only 40 last year. Teams came from as far afield as Derby, 150 miles to the North, and Plymouth, 100 miles to the West.

Other teams were from Yeovil and Bristol. The home team won the three main awards, namely two challenge shields and a challenge cup, for men's group, mixed group and junior mixed group. The latter shield was inaugurated this year. Previously Derby held the man's cup.

Weston Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. Clive Jones said afterwards, that the standard of play had been so high that next year it will be necessary to have professional referees. The day ended with dancing under floodlights on the Weston Chapel lawn, attended by more than 50 people.

HOLIDAY OUTING WAS HUGE SUCCESS

★ Burley in the famed New Forest of Hampshire, was the spot chosen for a highly successful Bank-Holiday-Monday outing organised by the Presidency of the BOURNEMOUTH Branch. Sixty members travelled by car and coach to enjoy themselves on a day which threatened heavy rains at the start, but which failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the party. The enthusiasm was well founded for soon after camp was staked the skies cleared into a warm breezy, sunny afternoon.

Activities included games, cricket,

and a well supported football match which tested the stamina of brothers and sisters alike. Lost energy was soon replenished with hot-dogs cooked over an open fire under the able supervision of Brothers Birch and Gerrard.

The soft rays of the evening sun fingered downwards, and the saints sang favourite songs and hymns as they returned home through the heather and gorse-lined roads of the forest. It was a most notable outing, a time of close happy companionship and a perfect end to a lovely day.

SOMERSET DISTRICT

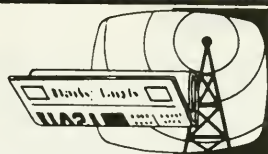
★ Two short plays by the Street and Weston-super-Mare Branches were presented at the Somerset District Relief Society social. Bro. Daniel C. A. Kimberley, of Yeovil Branch, read his own poems honouring the Relief Society. Earlier Sis. Ivy Marsh had organised games.

After the social Pres. Norman T. Woodhead, district president, congratulated District Relief Society president, Sis. Laura M. Bridgwater, and her counselors for their sterling work in the Relief Society in the district.

TEMPLE

★ Eight young people from the Somerset District attended the London Temple recently for baptismal work. This was the first time a district in the Southwest British Mission had taken eight young people to the temple for this work.

NEWS



FATHERS

★ A number of fathers and sons took part in the Somerset District Y.M.M.I.A. Fathers and Sons Camp on the edge of Exmoor. Hiking and eating comprised most of the activities which were under the leadership of Bro. Christopher Allen, of Yeovil, who was also chief cook.

The hiking highlight was a walk through the beautiful Vale of Holford, led by Brother Clive Jones, of Weston-super-mare. Seventeen members of the Weston M.I.A. took part and it proved an eventful day for eight of them. They missed the transport home and had to walk about 16 miles in the dark.

Andrew Hancock conducted the meeting.

After the Bishop's opening remarks, two former building missionaries Bro. Denning and Peter Witcherley bore their testimonies. Then the Ward Choir sang "This House we Dedicate to Thee", conducted by Stanly Peacock. Stake Pres. Fredrick W. Oates and North British Mission President Lenard D. Robison both spoke before Elder Kimball gave his address and offered the prayer of dedication.

★ Forty-five HARTLEPOOL saints held a bus outing on Sept 2nd, first visiting



Newton Aycliffe Chapel dedicated by Elder Spencer W. Kimball on Sept. 11, 1968.

SUNDERLAND STAKE NEWTON AYCLIFFE CHAPEL DEDICATED

★ Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of the Council of the Twelve, presided at the dedicatory service of the NEWTON AYCLIFFE Chapel on 11th Sept.; Bishop

Castle Howard, and then continuing on to Bridlington where they enjoyed a chicken dinner with pineapple and ice cream for dessert. Later in the day they visited Whitby and took a trip round the harbour to see the lights.

The branch Primary children had a

good week in September which included a party and a picnic trip to Crimdon Dene. The latter was organised by Ann Helps, and they enjoyed games which included sack, potato, and wheelbarrow races.

★ Marjorie Marsh, the Stake M.I.A. Drama Director, was responsible for the organisation when Newcastle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Gateshead participated in the play "Let it Rain", at the Stake Centre on Sept 7th.

The theme was based on the idea that a person should discover his own particular talent and do his best to develop it. Each ward enacted a short scene. Middlesbrough and Gateshead showed the most promising performances, especially with their singing. At the end of the evening the audience joined with the cast in singing one of the songs from the show.

★ At a farewell for Melvyn and Pauline Brown, NEWCASTLE saints presented them with a delightful lampshade, in appreciation for their work in the Ward M.I.A. They will still be able to keep in touch as the Brown's are moving into the Sunderland Ward area.

NORTH SHIELDS has joined forces with the NEWCASTLE saints twice recently for activities. On the first occasion it was for an evening of indoor sports in the cultural hall, and then they met at King Edwards Bay, Tye-mouth for a beach party of games, good food and singing around a camp fire.

In order to raise funds for the ward budget, Pat Prenergast organised car washing at 2/6d. a time. The young people have worked hard and it looks as though the experiment will be a

great success, as £7 was earned during the first two weeks.

★ There was plenty to eat at a barbecue organised by the PETERLEE M.I.A. at the site of their new chapel. The weather was fine and members and non members spent a really wonderful evening together.

★ Taking advantage of the fact there were no M.I.A. lessons in August, the CONSETT Branch members organised an outing to Stanley Zoo, and on another evening a picnic at Alan's Ford. On both occasions much fun was had by all. But they have also been working hard for the branch budget by holding a Jumble Sale, and later in the month a Pie and Pea Supper. After the supper, slides were shown of England, Ireland, Switzerland and California.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

YOUTH HOLD CAMP ON AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

★ The second Youth Aaronic Camp this year was held by the WEST HULL Branch at Poul Syke, North Yorkshire Moors. A total of eighteen brethren attended with boys from East Hull and Scarborough Branch joining them in such activities as hiking to the rugged Yorkshire coast five miles from camp and recreational events of rugby etc. The Sabbath was observed very carefully and reverently with Priesthood, Testimony and Sacrament Meetings.

After a cold wet week, the campers were blessed with dry, sunny weather, which they also experienced at their first camp at Whitsuntide. The camp leader was Dennis Sanderson, and the lads suffered little with Paul E. Knott as



West Hull Youth Aaronic Priesthood Explore the Yorkshire Moors.

West Hull Youth Aaronic Priesthood Camp.



cook. Those who attended certainly gained a testimony of how these activities help to develop the youth.

★ BURNLEY Branch are at present building their chapel and it should be finished by December. They would like it to be dedicated as soon as possible, so they have set themselves the task of raising £700 in 16 weeks . . . or approx £45 per week. The Relief Society have agreed to raise £100, and they

will do this by means of Jumble sales, and a special Dinner in October.

Others are feverishly selling Christmas Cards, ball-point pens, or encouraging others to save 3d. bits in Smartie tubes, and all coppers left in their pockets at the end of the day.

Others are collecting waste paper and delivering it to the local paper works. With such enthusiasm we feel sure that they will make their target.

★ BLACKPOOL Branch ensured that their M.I.A. got off to a good start when they organised a "Trip to the Moon" for their opening social. The trip was completed with pilot, stewardesses, and crash helmets for everyone. They played games, sang songs, and danced before some very tasty food was provided to round off an excellent evening.

★ Relief Society sisters from the BEVERLEY Branch have been busy collecting jumble for a sale which they held on Sept 6th. Approx £20 was raised which will go towards the branch budget. Elsie Fenwick organised the event, and collected jumble from "all quarters".

★ Priesthood and missionaries of the EAST HULL Branch have been busy decorating the homes of two families in their spare time. Their labours have been greatly appreciated in times of need.

★ On the night of Sept 6th, tents arose out of the ground at Higher Riley Farm, in Accrington Lancs. The Priesthood Camp run by the PRESTON District Y.M.M.I.A. and the Aaronic Priesthood Committee was beginning. The first night's activity consisted mainly of preparing and eating supper. Exhausted by this, the participants were soon ready to retire to bed. Reveille sounded at 6.30 a.m. on the Saturday, and after breakfast the programme commenced.

The campers hiked approximately four miles to warm up, and then pronounced themselves ready to indulge in such activities as 5-a-side football, athletics etc. After lunch a "commando course" was launched (for those still vertical). The course itself is too detailed to be

described, but one cannot help feeling that it was entirely organised by an ex-R.S.M. with a grudge against the world.

After this "exercise" there were still those ready to partake of more gruelling punishment in the form of more volleyball, football, etc.

Upon arrival back at the camp, there was a study session, which meant that half an hour's peace descended on the countryside, to the relief of the locals. Saturday was rounded off by a well enjoyed barbeque. Throughout the Sunday, the campers attended services at the Accrington Branch, and in the evening a fireside was held at the home of Bro. Hardy, who owns the farm, and very kindly allowed his land to be used for the camp.

Monday was dispersal day, as everyone went home to rest their weary limbs. This was a weekend to be remembered, and there were many walking sticks on hand to prove it!

★ SCUNTHORPE Branch choose Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire, which is part of Sherwood Forest, for their Sunday School outing in August. The morning was gloomy but the saints were optimistic and were rewarded with bright sunshine. They had an enjoyable day playing cricket, rounders and football, then at 4 p.m. just as they were starting for home there was a heavy downpour of rain.

★ Ninety children and adults travelled in two motor coaches to Fleetwood, near Blackpool for the PRESTON District Primary Outing in August. It was a beautiful day and the smaller children were soon playing in the sand with their buckets and spades.

Alice Vernon, the District Primary President and her counsellors were re-

sponsible for all the arrangements and they had organised a wonderful programme.

Races took place on the beach and points were awarded, Rawtenstall Branch were the winners. There was a great deal of fun when adults were invited to take part in a sack race

and although there were several small casualties some competitors did finish the course! Later Bro. and Sis. Walker entertained the group with their guitars and everyone joined in community singing. As the outing took place on the anniversary of the organisation it was indeed a very special occasion.



Preston District Primary Children's Outing to Fleetwood.



Pres. Herbert Shorrock and His wife Dorothy taking part in the sack race.

★ August 19th found the children of the LIVERPOOL Branch waiting impatiently for the coach to take them on their annual outing. Although some had been at the chapel since the early hours the departure time was not scheduled till ten o'clock when Sister Jones took the roll call and then they were OFF.

By a little after eleven they were all settled on the Ainsdale shore, and as the weather was kind, many went bathing. One boy was pushed into the water to start the proceedings in the right way, from then on it was every man for himself! and the rules of the rounders game which followed were very bent indeed . . .

By six o'clock they were on their way back home, sunburnt and happy, with lots of hitherto undiscovered talent ready for the next sports event.

★ A Mission-wide Primary Convention was held in the SOUTHPORT Chapel under the direction of the Mission Primary President Dorothy Jennings. The theme was the need for careful teaching to the members of the Church, and the value of correct visual aids.

Liverpool District Pres. John Hender, himself the father of a small family, spoke on the theme, and Mary Fowler gave interest and useful advice in a music demonstration. The whole convention was a great help to those attending.

SEVENTIES UNIT FORMED IN THE LEICESTER STAKE

★ On the 15th September 1968, Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, ordained Peter Bratt, Roger Beardsmore and Brian Martin as Seventies, and set them apart as Unit Leader and Assistants in the new Seventies unit in the Leicester Stake.

Elder Kimball stressed the importance of this office and explained that it was an additional calling but was correlated with that of the Stake Mission Presidency in which these three young men are currently serving.

Peter Bratt of the Woodsetton Ward has been a member of the Church for nearly two years. He is married with 2 children and serves as the Stake Mission president. His first counselor is Roger Beardsmore of Nottingham Ward who joined the Church 4 years ago. Brian Martin, 2nd counselor, is from Eastwood Ward and has recently returned from a very successful mission in Finland.

It is expected that the Seventies Unit over which they have been called to preside will grow and other seventies will be ordained in the not too distant future.

Elder Kimball explained that the Church desires worthy priesthood bearers be accorded an opportunity to serve as Seventies, as thousands do in Quorums of Seventy organised elsewhere. The specific calling of the Seventy is that of missionary work and brethren worthy and recommended and who are also especially inclined to this particular calling, will be interviewed, sustained and ordained at future stake conferences held in Great Britain. Some Seventies were also ordained at the recent Glasgow Stake conference (a full report was not available at press time.)

LEICESTER STAKE

★ A crowd of saints enjoyed a very happy and energetic folk dance on Aug. 17th at the LEICESTER Chapel. The caller was Geoffrey Harris and dancing was generally to lively records, but occasionally to the sole accompaniment of exuberant vocalists.

These happy-go-lucky brothers and sisters proved that if you want to make acquaintances, this is definitely the best form of dancing. Though weary and footsore at the end of the evening, they all agreed that it had been a first class occasion.

★ The Stake Primary Dance was also held at the Leicester Chapel on Sept. 14th when the hall was made very gay with decorations provided by each primary which had illustrated a nursery rhyme. One even provided a real tree for "I had a little Nut Tree".

A band played for dances to suit all tastes, and during the interval there were songs from a Leicester singing group and from Margaret Bowcutt. Elder and Sister Spencer W. Kimball attended and later commented how much they had enjoyed it, adding that it was the type of dance the Prophet would approve of.

★ EASTWOOD Ward had an evening singing round a camp fire recently, and later about 125 people attended a concert in aid of the Ward Building Fund. George Stephenson proved an able master of ceremonies, and he also sang a solo. Other songs came from the M.I.A. primary children, Singing Mothers and the New Mission-aies. Glenda Leach gave a monologue.

To swell the Homecoming Missionary Fund, a Bring and Buy Sale was held, and an assortment of useful articles were sold under the hand of Arthur Aldred.

To welcome their new Building Supervisor. Bro. R. Dent and his wife, and also Brian Martin recently returned from a two and half year mission in Finland, a social was held in the Eastwood Chapel. As well as games and dancing, there were music hall songs



Peter Bratt



Brian Martin



Roger Beardsmore

and skits. Flowers were presented to the guests of honour by 18 month old Gillian Martin.

IRISH MISSION

GROUND BROKEN FOR ANOTHER NEW CHAPEL IN NORTHERN IRELAND

★ On July 29th 1968, on the 128th anniversary of the first baptism performed in Ireland, ground was broken for the ROSETTA Chapel on 22 Anadale Avenue, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Ground Breaking ceremonies commenced at 7.30 p.m. under the direction of Mission Pres. Theron M. Ashcroft, Pres. Sheils of the ROSETA Branch conducted the meeting.

Four gaily decorated spades used at the ground-breaking of the previously built chapels in Belfast, Portadown and Londonderry were again brought into action. Pres. Ashcroft turned the first spadeful, then came Pres. William Stewart, representing the Belfast District presidency, Pres. Sheils, Elder Barber, building supervisor followed by Pres. Stewart.

Short talks were given by all of these brethren encouraging the members to support the building programme to its completion. The event was featured in the local press.

After the ceremonies were over, the 150 members joined together for an outdoor Family Home Evening picnic at the chapel site.

LONDON STAKE, BRITISH SOUTH MISSION AND LEICESTER STAKE JOIN TOGETHER FOR Y.W.M.I.A. CAMP

★ A total of 53 attended the Y.W.M.I.A. camp held Aug. 26/31 at Lathkill Dale, Derbyshire. After their successful camp last year, the London Stake and British South Mission decided to join together again this year, and they also invited Leicester Stake. Four members of Sunderland Stake and three girls from Lincoln Branch in the Central British Mission also attended.

The camp was held in a field beside Kirtland Cottage which is maintained by Bro. and Sis. Hezselstine as a centre for Church camps.

A varied programme occupied the campers each day, there were hikes and rambles (including "moonlight" hikes on the first and last nights), minor games and potted sports, a treasure hunt, and a full programme of Campcrafter activities. Qualification was given in all four levels of the Campcrafter programme, and everyone present who was eligible, qualified in some part, including Sis. Elizabeth Cherrington of Reading Branch, the grandmother of Ruth Bartlett, who also attended.

The Yearlings learned how to tie knots, toast marshmallows a golden brown, administer first aid, and many other things. The Mountaineers lashed useful articles for the camp and taught new camp songs. The one Inspirator made a tin-can barometer and a collection of leaves, and was responsible for conserving the beauty of the camp site.

The Adventurers went on an arduous hike with map and compass, helped as camp leaders, and lit a fire without matches. Terry Guilliford of St. Albans Ward, London Stake, is believed to be the first girl in the country to achieve all four levels of the Campcrafter pro-

gramme by working at one level each of the four years at camp.

On the last evening of camp a special activity was held on the theme "M.I.A. International". Each unit had a chosen nationality and the programme included Japanese dancing, Arabian Snake-charming, Scottish history and a dramatic Austrian tale. After an "international" supper, testimony meeting was held in a sheltered sheepfold beside the camp field. For the first time, the night sky was clear and beautiful—it made an ideal setting for a wonderful uplifting meeting where even the youngest girl bore testimony of the Gospel. The spirit of love and fellowship demonstrated was very great. The meeting was a fitting climax to a wonderful week.

The camp was organised by Pauline Dogget of London Stake, Cyndy Davies of Leicester Stake and Hilda Graham of British South Mission.

MANCHESTER STAKE CHANGES IN THE ASHTON/OLDHAM WARD

★ Bishop Ernest Preston of ASHTON/OLDHAM was released from office on Sept 15th, with a vote of thanks for the work he has performed during the 6½ years he has served in this calling.

During this time, a new chapel has been erected and paid for, at Peterdale Road, Crowhill Estate, Ashton-under-Lyme, the attendance at Sunday School and Sacrament meeting has more than doubled, a Cub Troop has been formed and registered, and arrangements are almost completed for the commencement of a Scout Troop. Bishop Preston has now been called as a member of the Manchester Stake High Council.

The new bishop is Brian Ashworth who was previously a member of the High Council. He is 36 years of age, married with 3 children and is in business as a Haulage Contractor. At the



Ground breaking at Rosetta Branch.



Ernest Preston at his desk when first called as a Bishop in Glasgow Stake.

time of going to press the names of his counselors had not been announced and full details will be given in the next issue.

★ On Sept 7th a Teachers' Seminar was organised by the members of the Stake Relief Society board, the theme of which was "Better Gospel Teaching Makes for Better Gospel Living". All who attended were inspired and uplifted by the instruction given by Elizabeth McCormack, Sandra Viner, Mary Boswell and Isabelle Gordon.

As an added attraction each of the wards and branches were asked to participate in an extra special Food Display, and this was entitled "Culinary Cornucopia". The sisters were all encouraged to use their most attractive recipes in making their table the most colourful and decorative. Over 200 sisters participated in this project.

The displays were judged by Kathleen McCormack, R.S. president of the Falkirk Branch, and Pauline King her first counselor. These two sisters expressed their difficulty in choosing a

winner, but finally awarded first place to the Middleton Branch. Everyone was overjoyed with this result, because Middleton have very few active sisters in Relief Society.

★ Doreen Preston, wife of Ernest Preston, was sustained as Relief Society president of the Manchester Stake on Sept. 22nd. She previously served as second counselor to Pres. Maureen Hoyle for the past 4½ years, and prior to that as sec/treasurer under the presidency of Dorothy Thorpe.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION ELDER JOHN LONGDEN TOURS MISSION AND DEDICATES TWO CHAPELS

★ Elder John Longdon, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, toured many of the missions and stakes in the British Isles recently, holding public meetings and dedicating chapels; he was accompanied by Sister Longden.

As a point of interest Elder Longden is the only one of the present General Authorities who was born outside the United States, he was in fact born in Oldham, Lancashire and his family emigrated to Utah when he was 10 years old.

On this tour he visited the British, South West British, Irish and Central British Missions and assisted in the re-organisation of the Glasgow Stake. His schedule was very crowded and while in the Central British Mission he dedicated the Worcester Chapel on 9th September, spoke and sang at public meetings on the 10th/11th/12th at Woodsetton, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Nottingham, then dedicated the Northampton Chapel on the Friday.

The Northampton chapel was filled to capacity and Elder Longden thrilled the congregation when he sang "Bless this

Elder John Longden speaking at the dedication of the Northampton Chapel.



House". The beautiful spirit was further enhanced by the singing of the District Choir under the direction of Audrey Rogers, with Glenda Adams as organist. Many tributes were paid and speakers included Branch Pres. Michael Wade, Building Supervisor Kendall Adams, Dis. Pres. Arthur Turvey, and Mission Pres. George I. Cannon.

★ An "Auction" jumble sale was held in the Banbury Town Hall on Aug. 24th to raise money to clear Banbury's commitment on the Northampton chapel before it was dedicated. Branch Pres. Brian Heath and Roy Chase alternately auctioned the successful sale which brought in £20.

Off to a fun and colourful start was the M.I.A. opening social on Sept. 4th.

The theme was "Circus" and the room was gaily decorated accordingly with red and white streamers, a life sized painted clown and lots of balloons. Games were played and refreshments served.

★ Just prior to the schools re-opening for the Autumn term, the HEREFORD Primary held their annual picnic. Traveling only a short distance to the outskirts of the city, to a delightful spot on the banks of the River Lugge, the children accompanied by members of the branch presidency, Primary and M.I.A. leaders spent a very happy afternoon in the river and playing games in the adjacent fields. A tired but happy bunch of children were delivered safely back to their parents at the end of the day.

September is always a month of "Opening Socials" and the Relief Society presented an original play written by a sister in the Worcester Branch. The play was enjoyed by the non-participating priesthood and their friends, who later joined with the actresses in attacking the table loaded down with many delicacies prepared, yet again, by the hard working sisters.

The theme for the M.I.A. social was "Queen for the Night" and as Hilda Jones, member of the R.S. presidency was celebrating her birthday on that particular night, she was crowned Queen. With all due ceremony, the surprised sister was presented with a birthday cake by Y.W. Pres. Audrey Prosser, and a bouquet of flowers by Rosemary Davies. The coronation ceremony was carried through by Geoffrey Boucher, Y.M. superintendent

★ To help boost the branch budget members of the Relief Society held a Jumble Sale at the Greenland Hall, Hereford. Quite a satisfactory return of £13 1s. 6d. was collected and it was decided to hold another sale in October.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ AYR Branch held an outdoor social on the beach beneath Greenan Castle on Aug. 23rd. The members were playing rounders so enthusiastically that they almost missed watching the beautiful sunset over Arran. Hot dogs were grilled over an open fire and marshmallows were toasted before the participants took a long short cut across the fields in the dark and just managed to catch the last bus home.

★ About 300 members and friends attended the dedication of the DUMFRIES

Chapel on Sept 8th. Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve was the visiting official and he addressed the congregation before offering the dedicatory prayer.

District Pres. Ronald Lovell conducted the service and other speakers included former Branch Pres. William Ireland, Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown, and Archibald Richardson, former Glasgow Stake president. Musical numbers were by Janet Creighton who sang "My Testimony", and Reginald Beales played "Canzonetta" by Tchaikowski on the violin.

★ KILMARNOCK District M.I.A. held a "Hobo Weekend" on the 9th/10th Aug. at GREENOCK. The weekend started with a game of "putting" at the local course after which they returned to the chapel for supper consisting of "Sloppy Joes", butterscotch pudding and Hawiian Punch.

The next morning a sunrise service was held up in the hills, then Branch Pres. Nyal Rydalch had a pancake breakfast waiting for them. A hike over the hills and glens in glorious weather came next, and the weekend ended with a meal in the hills. Everyone then returned to their homes, hoping that the idea would be repeated again next year.

Two Primaries from the district held a concert in the KILMARNOCK Chapel on Aug. 31st. The GREENOCK Branch presented a musical skit centred on "My Grandmother's Old Fashioned Garden", and KILMARNOCK Primary performed "The Children's Friend Festival". All those participating enjoyed themselves as much as the audience, and after the show and fun-songs there were refreshments for all.

The Lihoma Girls from the District held their Lihoma Holiday on 24th Aug.

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It was a beautiful day when they set out for Loudoun Castle, near Galston, where they were greeted by Lady Jean Campbell the owner. Permission was given to build camp fires and the girls set about collecting firewood. When the fire was burning brightly they played ball games and sang fun-songs. The menu for the day was roast potatoes, sausages and beans. Unfortunately the potatoes and sausages became burnt offerings, but luckily one of the teachers had come prepared in case of such a calamity with a pile of sandwiches. These were eaten with the beans and followed by cake and biscuits.

A competition was held on the work that the girls had completed during their Lihoma year. The winners were Mary Jane Stubbington, who had crocheted a necklet and Rosalind Stubbington who embroidered a cloth. A quiz then followed which was won by Gail and Debbie Topp, twins from the Ayr Branch and each girl received a prize.

After this the girls went up to the castle to see Lady Jean. Loudoun Castle is a ruin and she wouldn't allow them into it at first, but she told some of its history, then she relented and allowed the party in but made them promise to be very careful. When they had finished their hunting they came out to see Lady Jean herding some ducks, a scene which the girls enjoyed. Time had gone all too quickly and they had to return home, but each one carried memories of a most enjoyable day.

While the girls were at Loudoun Castle, the boys from the district were enjoying their "Trailbuilder Roundup" in the Dumfriesshire Hills. They met at Kilmarnock Chapel and then set out for the hills, where they had almost enjoyable day hiking, playing games etc.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ When GLASGOW Stake provided the winners of the Under 16 5-a-side football at the All British Athletic finals at Manchester it was for the second year running. Springfield Ward represented the Stake in this event this year, and Drumchapel Ward provided the team which won the over 16 final at Manchester in 5-a-side football, also their Volleyball team took the Championship. They don't want to boast but in the past three years they have the remarkable record of winning at Pontin in 1966, being runners-up in last years All British Finals and then winning again this year. . . . They must put something special in the porridge up there! Well done Glasgow.



Springfield Ward, under 16 five-a-side football team.

★ Forty M.I.A. Leaders from the stake met at Bellahouston Sports Centre on the morning of Aug. 31st for the beginning of their first Leadership Seminar. Instruction was at top level, with Scottish Internationalists in basketball and netball coaching separate groups of young men and women. In the afternoon they moved over to the Ibrox

Baths where instruction on "How to teach Swimming" was given.

An executive session took place on the Sunday, followed by a testimony meeting. The leaders then returned to their homes, sorry that the wonderful weekend was over, but anxious to impart their knowledge to their own wards and branches.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ On the recent Bank Holiday Monday the Somerset District went on a coach tour to Chepstow, Symonds Yat and the Wye Valley. The weather was beautiful and the trip was enjoyed by all. The organisation was in the hands of Bro. Frankland Gilbert of the Weston-super-Mare branch.

PRIMARY

★ The Somerset District Primary play was held at Street. This was a very successful event and Sis. Mary Allen, District Primary president, her counselors and the branch officers were congratulated by the district presidency for

providing a wonderful day.

The programme started with community singing led by Sis. Mary Jones, of the Weston-super-Mare Branch. This was followed by sports organised by Pres. Charles Jones of the district presidency and tea, which included enough ice cream to satisfy both children and adults.

District Pres. Norman T. Woodhead led the grand parade of children and teachers in fancy dress.

During the day Pres. Derrick Ireland of the Mission presidency and Sis. Mary Noland, of the Mission Primary Board, judged the arts contest, the singing and the story telling competitions. Yeovil Branch won the arts and story telling shields and Weston the singing and sports shields. Finally, Yeovil were presented with the mission cup as overall winners with the most points.

CAMP

★ The Somerset District Aaronic Priesthood commemorated the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood with a camp at



Somerset District members before boarding coach to tour Wye Valley on the the Bank Holiday Monday.



"Big Eats" at Somerset District Primary Play Day.

Weston-super-Mare. Camp activities included hiking, rock climbing and a football match. The week-end was organised by Pres. Kenneth Fulfit of the district presidency assisted by Bro.

Edgar Dry of Yeovil. Principle speaker at the special commemorative service on Sunday evening was Bro. Richard Mortimer of the Mission Aaronic Priesthood Board.



Yeovil Branch Primary children all dressed up for the grand parade on the Primary Play Day.

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ June 1st—To John and Zandra Lee, Scunthorpe Branch, North British Mission, a son, Adrian James.

★ June 19th—To Albert and Ellen Perkins, Woodsetton Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Julie.

★ June 27th—To Tony and Valerie Brown, Wednesfield Branch, Leicester Stake, a daughter Victoria Louise.

★ July 13th—To George and Betty Meek, Rugby Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Sandra Elizabeth.

★ July 15th—To Peter and Daphne Monks, Bracknell Branch, British South Mission, a son, Brent Jason Hughes.

★ July 26th—To Jeff and Pauline Armstrong, (formerly Middlesborough Ward Sunderland Stake) at Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, a son, Scott Lee.

★ July 27th—To David and Paulette Griffiths, Wednesfield Branch, Leicester Stake, a daughter, Maria Jane.

★ July 29th—To Joyce Dunkeley, South Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a son, Mark .

★ August 1st—To Brian and Janet Nettleton, Woodsetton Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Ruth.

★ August 7th—To Keith and Rosie Stevenson, Wednesfield Branch, Leicester Stake, a daughter Elizabeth Ann.



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★ August 20th—To John and Florence Bond, Woodsetton Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Rebecca Carol.

★ September 11th—To John and Diane Madsen, (formerly of Salt Lake City) Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Lisa.

MARRIAGES

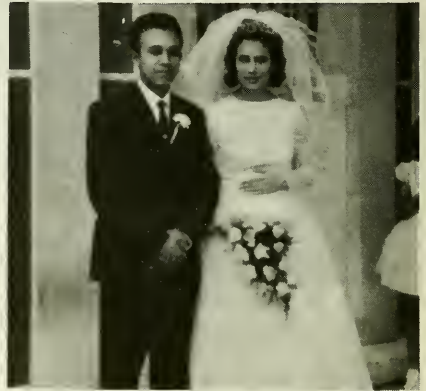
★ Bishop Harold Marshall performed the ceremony when his son Craig Lithgow Marshall and Barbara Ann Appleby were married at the Middlesbrough Chapel on Aug. 17th. The groom's sister and the brides three sisters acted as bridesmaids and the bride's little brother was page boy. Barbara made her own dress of satin with a lace coatee and long train, and those of the bridesmaids which were in pink satin.

★ Diana Rock formerly of Mitcham Branch was married to Edward G. Kelly, of London, Ontario, in the Manti Temple on Aug. 22nd.

★ Two members of different nationalities, both with the same surname were married at Northampton Chapel on Aug. 31st. Peggy Golding from Salt Lake City and Michael Golding of Northampton. And this was not the only coincidence! Sister Golding taught Bro. Golding and introduced him to the Church when she was here as a missionary last year. She was attended by her former missionary companion Edith Baumann, and was given away by Bro. Heath from Newcastle. Barrie Beardsmore was best man. The groom's parents and relatives, and many friends and members attended the ceremony, and the reception held in the cultural hall afterwards.

★ On Sept. 6th, the wedding of Alexander Keenan and Mary Smith took

place in the Ayr Chapel, performed by Branch Pres. Alan Topp. The chapel was filled, mostly by non-members who were obviously impressed by the service and the building, which was decorated with lovely displays by R.S. Pres. Jean Roberts. The reception was held in an Ayr Hotel and the couple went to the Isle of Man for their honeymoon. Agnes Smith acted as bridesmaid, and William Littlejohn was best man.



Charles and Josie Joseph of the Wembley Branch, leaving the Hyde Park Chapel, after their wedding Sept. 7. Pres. R. Askew of the Wembley Branch, conducted the service.

OBITUARIES

★ We regret to announce the deaths of Ian McDermatt of Leicester Ward, aged 16 years. He was struck by a car and killed as he was returning to his home one evening.

Donna Marie Wynne, aged 8 weeks, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wyne of Chester Branch, Central British Mission. She died of pneumonia on Sept. 12th, and the funeral took place at her home on Sept. 17th. Pres. R. W. Roberts conducted the service and the interment was in Bruera Cemetery.

Bro. Townsend of the East Hull Branch on July 17th.

OBITUARY

★ Mary Beatrice Jones aged 71 years, died at the Edgware Hospital on August 18th. She was a member of the Swansea Branch, but was lovingly cared for by members of the Wembly Relief Society from January 10th until June 3rd when she was admitted to the hospital.

A simple and moving funeral service conducted by Pres. Askew was attended by friends and relatives on August 21st at Ruislip Crematorium.



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SEARLE, Malcolm Ronald—Mitcham Branch
BALDWIN, Issac Arthur—Kingston Branch
WHITAKER, Peter John—Worthing Branch
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ATKINS, James Henry—Staines Branch
WILLIS, John Albert—Reading Branch
HUMPHREY, William Charles—Aldershot Branch
REVELL, David Raymond—Reading Branch
ALDRED, Philip—Eastwood Ward, Leicester Stake
FISHER, John—Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake
ROBINSON, John Leslie—Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake

Another Evidence Of The Book Of Mormon's Influence On Mankind

By Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

★In a stake conference, I heard an officer of the Air Force stand before the group and tell of the circumstances surrounding his coming into the Church. He said in substance:

"I had a date with a lovely young woman. When I called for her, I noticed on the table a copy of the Book of Mormon. I had never heard of it before. I began to read. I became interested. I secured a copy of the book and read it through.

"I had only the traditional idea of God and Jesus Christ. I had never given serious thought to the matter. But as I read this book there came into my mind light and understanding of eternal truths, and into my heart a testimony that God is our Eternal Father, and that Jesus is our Saviour."

I am confident that the experience of this man who was influenced by the Book of Mormon is similar to that of many others of our people.

If there are miracles among us, certainly one of them is this book. Unbelievers may doubt the First Vision and say there were no witnesses to prove it. Critics may scorn every divine manifestation incident to the coming forth of this work as being of such an intangible nature as to be unprovable to the pragmatic mind, as if things of God could be understood other than by



the spirit of God. They may discount our theology. But they cannot in honesty dismiss the Book of Mormon. It is here. They can feel it. They can read it. They can weigh its substance and its content. They can witness its influence.

Faced with its presence, but unwilling to believe the story of its coming forth, they have sought an explanation for it, other than the one given by the Prophet that it was engraven on golden plates by ancient prophet-historians, and that

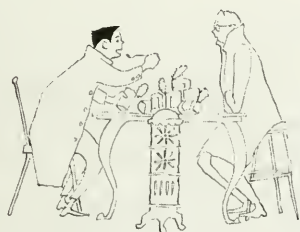
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Answers to Biblical references on page 36.

- 1 Butter
- 2 Sugar
- 3 Honey
- 4 Eggs
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- 6 Figs

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- 8 Flour
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- 10 Salt
- 11 Baking Powder
- 12 Milk

Members Have Responsibility To Learn The Principles Of The Gospel

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie

★ I take as a text these words which were dictated by the Holy Ghost to an inspired man in ancient Israel:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb

"Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." (Psalm 19:7-11.)

Now if I may be enlightened by the same Spirit that rested upon him who wrote these words, I would like to indicate the great compelling necessity, the overwhelming obligation, that rests upon us as members of this great latter-day kingdom, to come to a knowledge of the law of the Lord, to know the doctrines of the Gospel, to understand the principles, requirements, and ordinances which we must comply with in order to be heirs of salvation in the Lord's kingdom.

We believe and advocate that every member of this Church should have a testimony of the divinity of the work; that he should know for himself, independent of any other person, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that salvation is in Him; that Joseph Smith is the agent and instrument through whom the knowledge of salvation has come again in our day; and that the mantle of the Prophet rests upon President David O. McKay at this time. By first gaining a testimony and then by being valiant in testimony, we can be heirs of salvation.

But no man can have a testimony of this work until he begins to get a knowledge of the Gospel. A testimony is based on knowledge; first a man must learn about God and his laws, and then by obedience to those laws he will gain a testimony. Jesus said, ". . . My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." ((John 7:16-17.)

We believe that all members of this Church should be fully and completely converted, so much so that they are changed from natural and fallen state

into saints of God, changed into a state where they have in their hearts desires for righteousness. By following such a course they are born again; they are renewed by the Spirit; they are in line for eternal salvation. But no one can attain unto such a state until he knows the laws that govern the process of being converted.

We believe that after we join this Church it is incumbent upon us to press forward in steadfastness and in devotion, living by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God, desiring righteousness, seeking his Spirit, loving him with all our hearts, might, minds and strength; and yet we cannot do any of these things until we first learn the laws which govern them. In the full Gospel sense, there is no such thing as living a law of which we are ignorant. We cannot worship a God of whom we know nothing, as far as gaining eternal life through that worship is concerned.

And so I think we have the obligation, the great underlying responsibility, to learn the doctrines of the Church so

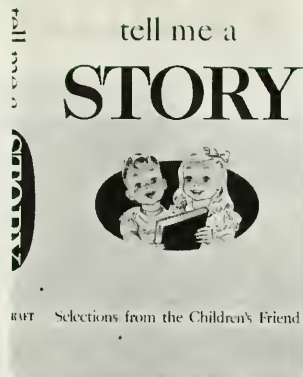


that we will be able to serve in the kingdom, so that we will be able to carry the message of salvation to our Father's children, and so that we will be able to live in such a manner as to have peace and joy ourselves, and gain hope of glorious exaltation and eternal life.

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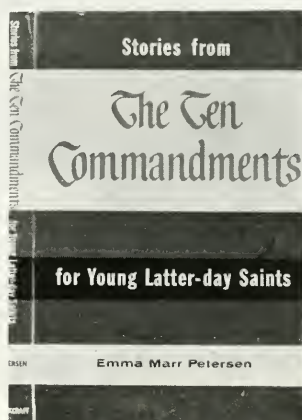
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Advice To Women



By Emma Ray Riggs McKay

★ Sister McKay has been a ray of sunshine and ray of hope to all who know her personally, and to all who glean strength from knowing her as the wife of the Prophet. No one could be more qualified to give advice on being a wife and mother than she whom we all admire. Through joyous, sunny days and through days of shadows she has maintained her inner strength and won happiness.

Following are a few selections from a talk she gave to the Brigham Young

University women several years back, which have meaning to every Latter-day Saint woman:

ATTITUDE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE TOWARD EACH OTHER

There are many qualifications that a women should have to be a good wife and mother, but important is patience — patience with children's and husband's tempers, patience with their misunderstandings, with their desires, with their actions.

Even though girls associate with men in courtship, they do not understand men, which is one great cause for disagreement, heartache, and misunderstanding. If only women would understand that "Man's love is of man's life a thing apart, 'tis woman's whole existence."

Men are so different that it becomes woman's artful duty not only to study but also to adjust.

Peace in the home is really woman's responsibility, and if she wants happiness, she must work for it—yes, and pay for it, too—by being at all times kind, loving, self-sacrificing, ready to help, ready to serve, in fact, loving to do anything the head of the house desires because his desires are also hers. And she must always remember that wisdom is made up of nine-tenths silence and one-tenth brevity.

Gloom pushes people away from you. A sure way to bring gloom is to show that your feelings are hurt. You cannot live long with any human being and not have something come up to irritate you. "Offense we must expect. The question is what to do with it when it comes. And although we cannot help being hurt, what we can help is showing that we are hurt."

Nine times out of ten when "hubby" hurts our feelings, it has been unintentionally or without understanding of the wound he made, and if we will simply keep the harsh word unspoken, keep smiling, and go about our business, the whole matter will disappear. But if we fuss every time we are bruised, irritation begins, and the separating process goes on.

Another thing that causes irritability and quarreling is for the wife to criticize her husband. He cannot endure criticism. It stifles love. . . . With the

Latter-day Saint marriage comes the understanding that man with his priesthood will stand at the head of the family. Some women are not willing to take a subordinate position. . . . It is impossible to teach respect for authority if the husband is belittled before the children. If a man is worthy to be at the head of the household, a wife should respect him and help him as the head.

ATTITUDE OF PARENTS TOWARD CHILDREN

If the mother does not have obedience when the child is very young, two or three years of age, she is going to have much trouble as the child gets older.

Of all the ineffective ways of controlling children, threats are the most futile and harmful. . . . A child should be taught to do ordinary things as a matter of course without being bribed. . . . Children respond favorably to praise.

. . . Home is the place where the parents must lead out in obedience, honesty, fidelity, truthfulness, courage, true dignity, and courtesy. . . . Treat all your children with equal affection. . . . Never deceive a child.

ATTITUDE OF CHILDREN TOWARD EACH OTHER

Amusement and fun are essential to peace in the home. Home should be made pleasant and agreeable. A silent home is a dull sad place, and leads to melancholy. Music is soul-inspiring, and no money is thrown away for musical instruments. . . . Many a mother nearly distracted by a fretful child has been able to soothe him by softly singing a song to him.

The art of rearing children peacefully and pleasantly is the art of becoming a child again, of growing up with them. of ignoble households, nor a joyful nation of unhappy homes."

London Stake Announces Changes In Stake Positions

★ Several changes in positions within the London Stake were recorded at the recent quarterly conference at which Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, was the visiting General Authority.

Elder Kimball was accompanied by Sister Kimball and Pres. A. Ray Curtis, Regional representative of the Twelve, and LeGrand R. Curtis president of the Olympus Stake.

Released were:

William James Jolliffe from the high council, William Reginald Middleton, as assistant stake clerk; Merlin James Harris, stake mission president; and his counselors, Peter Sweeney, and John Steel Floyd; Peter Charles Boulter, stake YMMIA superintendent; Jack

McKeown, activity assistant superintendent and William Knott Shephard, age group assistant superintendent of the YMMIA.

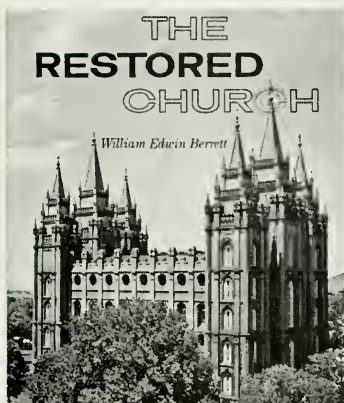
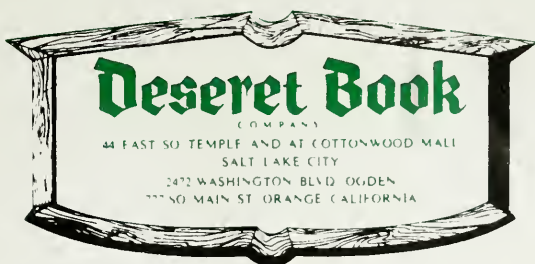
Sustained were:

Preston Hugh Nibley, and Colin Bruce Alfred Price, high councilmen. Bro. Nibley, is a son of the late Preston Nibley, assistant church historian and well known author of the Church. Bro. Price has been second counselor the past year in the Luton Ward bishopric.

K. William Foote and Arthur Willmott as assistant stake clerks; Eric Cryer, stake mission president; William Knott Shephard, stake YMMIA superintendent; Jack McKeown, first assistant and John Snell, second assistant with Leonard Barker, secretary in the stake YMMIA.



Group of leaders and boys at the Aaronic Priesthood Camp sponsored by the Somerset District, Southwest British Mission.



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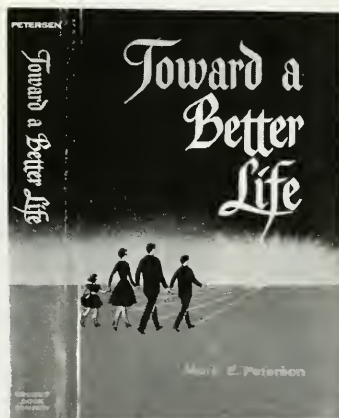
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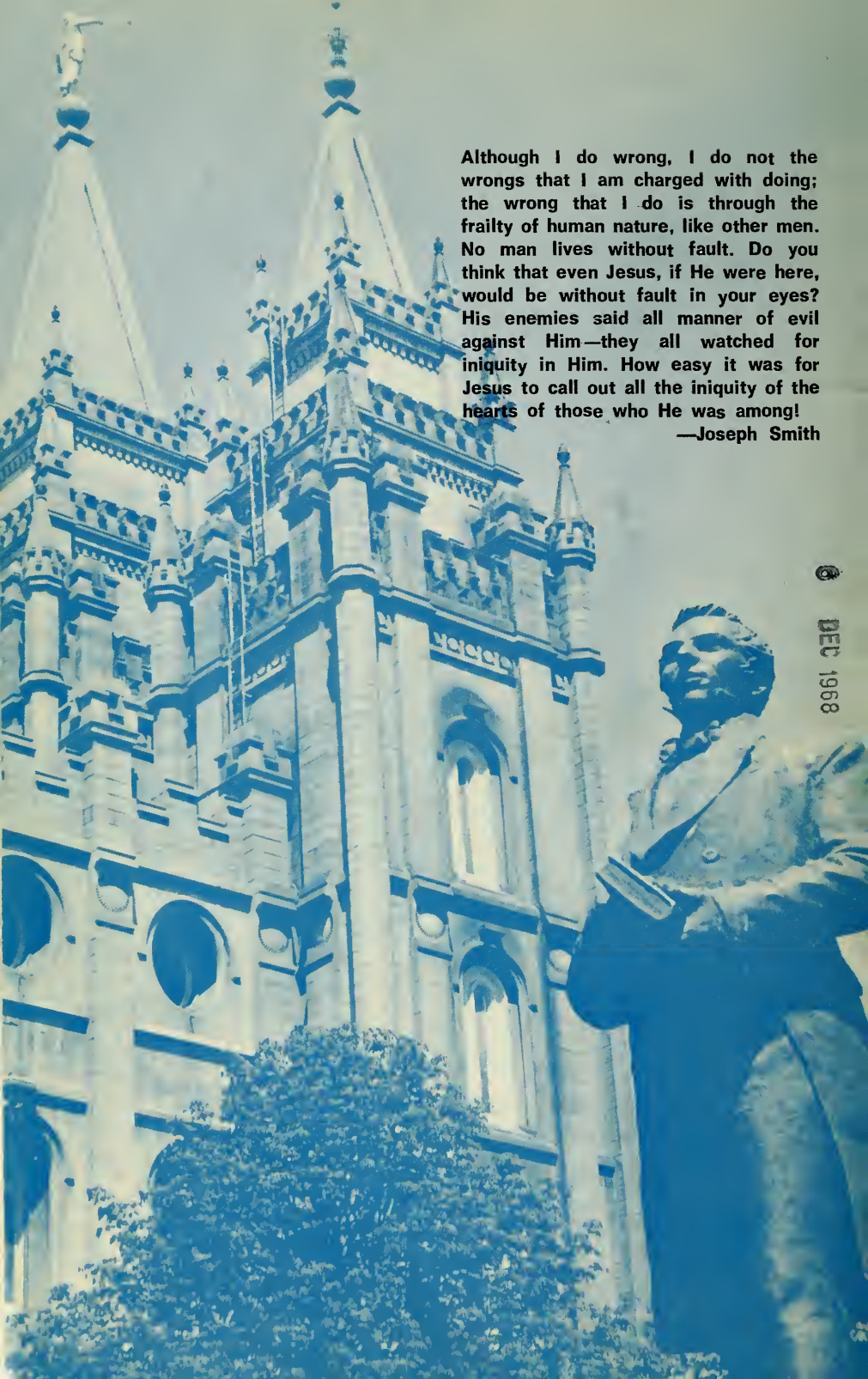
- 7—Br. South, N. British
- 14—British, Cen. Brit. London, Scotland
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HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

In November each year many people perpetuate the ancient customs connected with the Gunpowder Plot. This was a conspiracy by a small band of men led by Robert Catesby to blow up the Houses of Parliament when it reassembled on November 5th 1605, to avenge the harsh treatment meted out to adherents of the Catholic faith by James I.

The plot was betrayed, but despite this, Guy Fawkes, one of the desperate band, persisted in his efforts, was captured and hanged.





Although I do wrong, I do not the wrongs that I am charged with doing; the wrong that I do is through the frailty of human nature, like other men. No man lives without fault. Do you think that even Jesus, if He were here, would be without fault in your eyes? His enemies said all manner of evil against Him—they all watched for iniquity in Him. How easy it was for Jesus to call out all the iniquity of the hearts of those who He was among!

—Joseph Smith

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Formula For Peace

By Elder John Longden

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve

★ The one certain formula for peace and progress awaits rediscovery rather than discovery. It was given by the only Man who could read history forward to the limits of time as well as backward to where it began. He gave it 2,000 years ago in a single sentence.

... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself (Luke 10:27.)

Jesus also stated in John:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10.)

Christ was born in a time of tyranny, yet He was the Prince of Peace. He died a victim of that tyranny, yet He taught a gospel of love, of reconciliation with our neighbours. He was the personification of harmony, tranquility, and good feeling. Can there be any peace in the world without the Author of peace? Can the anti-Christ know peace, but can the rebellious Christian do so either? The Saviour said:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will

give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

After all is said, is not that the answer to the problem of peace or war in this world? Is not that the message of Christmas?

The Magic Spirit of Christmas

Wilfred A. Peterson has put it in very beautiful words in a thought entitled "Magic Spirit":

"In a way we are each like an electric switch. The amount of the Christmas magic which shines through us is controlled by us. We have the power to turn the ideals of Christmas 'on' or 'off' in our lives. The personality-transforming power of Christmas, like the electricity in our homes, can be used whenever we want to use it. We can live in darkness or in light. It is up to us.

"Most of the year we are burning candles of goodwill, joy, and tolerance. The tiny flames penetrate only a little way into the surrounding darkness of good will, selfishness, and hatred. And at Christmas time the miracle happens!



Somehow we discover the switch that turns on the electricity of the spirit. For a while the world is brilliantly lighted with hope, love, faith, kindness, peace.

"Why do we go back to the candles and kerosene lamps of the spirit, when the spiritual electricity of Christmas is always available? It is like using electric light and electric power for only a few days a year and then going back to old-fashioned methods for the balance of the year. Just as electric power is available the year around, the magic spirit of Christmas is ours to use, 365 days in the year.

"If someone invented a light meter so sensitive that it could record the light in the faces of men, women, and children, the highest reading would come during the Christmas season. It is then that people radiate the best thoughts, the deepest emotions, the finest spirit. Christmas makes men glow.

"The mighty dynamos that generate electricity to give light and power to a city are utilized the year around. Christmas with all its deeper meanings is a mighty spiritual dynamo. It generates the power to keep the lights of

the spirits of men burning to light up the world. The world would be transformed if we would leave the magic spirit of Christmas turned on the whole year through. The switch is in our hearts!"

A Parable

May I quote a parable not written by Jesus. It is entitled, "Why Jesus Christ?"

"There is a story told by the organist of the great church at Fribourg. He was sitting one day at the console of the organ, and while he played, a stranger came in and stood behind him. At the end of a half hour, the stranger said, 'May I take the instrument?' But the organist refused. Still the stranger waited. At intervals he repeated the request, and finally, willingly, the organist gave way.

"The stranger took the stool and sat for a moment looking at the keys. Then he began and immediately there burst from the eager pipes, grander music than the great organ had ever yielded before. It filled the church; it dwelt in the branching roof; it awakened sleeping angels; the stone pillars shouted for joy. Overcome, the organist seized the shoulders of the stranger, and as

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The Christmas Star

Children, as your gifts you leave
Near the tree on Christmas Eve,
Can you see the star so bright
Shine above the topmost light?

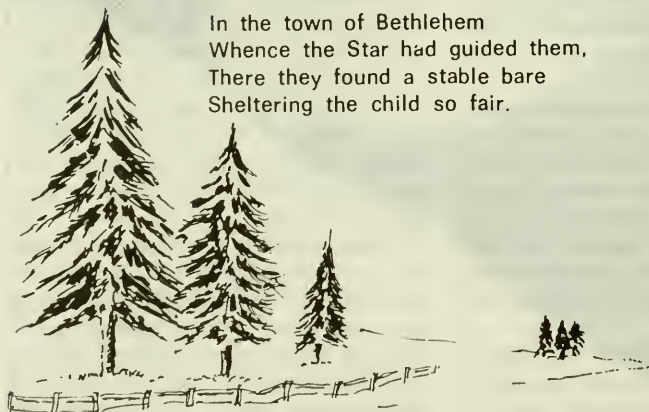
Look beyond the window pane,
See the Christmas Star again,
Shining with a beckoning glow,
On the earth so far below.

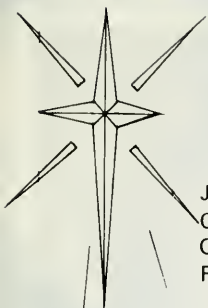
"Christmas Star, if you could tell
Of the tale you know so well,
You would speak with trembling joy
Of the birth of Mary's boy."

Jesus was a baby mild,
Just as any little child,
Yet of him the angels sang,
Heavenly hosannahs rang.

Kings and shepherds to him came
To bear him gifts, and call his name,
Many, many miles they trod
To worship him, the son of God.

In the town of Bethlehem
Whence the Star had guided them,
There they found a stable bare
Sheltering the child so fair.





Joseph strong and Mary mild
Comforted their firstborn child,
Ox and ass stood quiet, and calm,
Fanning him with breath so warm.

Yet this baby, lowly bred
With no place to lay his head,
No warm cradle, soft and white,
Or Christmas tree with glowing light.

This baby boy, who lately came,
With Jesus for his given name,
Was Heavenly Father's eldest son,
The choice, and long awaited one.

He grew, and learned, and led, and taught
The Gospel, which so many sought,
And though he's gone, we follow still,
To learn his way, and do his will.

This Christmas, as you gaze with glee
Upon your glittering Christmas tree,
As you look towards the star
Twinkling above you far.

Remember Jesus, and his birth,
How he came upon the earth,
Lived, and died, then rose again,
Eternal life for us to gain.

As you open gifts with joy,
Think of Mary's baby boy,
And the gift he gave to you
Of life eternal, love so true.

—Gillian Brown-Lee



the melody died away, he said, 'Who are you?'

"I am Felix Mendelssohn," said the stranger.

"And to think," said the organist, 'that I nearly refused Mendelssohn the use of my organ!'"

It is a parable: If you want the life of Jesus to produce harmony in your life, you must let the Master Musician play it. He can draw more music from it than you can of yourself. A merely decent life can be changed to a life that produces the harmony of heaven. I wonder how many of us will come to the end of mortality and have to say, "I refused to let Jesus play upon the keys of my life!"

Christmas Greeting, 1513 A.D.

May I give you this Christmas greeting written in 1513 A.D., over 400 years ago, discovered by Robert Updegraff of Scarsdale, New York. I am sure that you, too, will receive inspiration, as I have, from this Christmas message written by Fra Giovanni:

I salute you! There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much, that, while I cannot give, you can take.

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today.



Elder John Longden

Take Heaven.

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present. Take Peace.

The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. Take Joy.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

WORK

"Man from the beginning possessed the potential power of creating his requirements through work. The words 'create' and 'work' are synonymous. Hence, the power of God is work."

—Joseph L. Wirthlin

Christmas Is . . .

- ...shopping for just the right present for a loved one.
- ...beautiful decorations and lights on the high street.
- ...crowds and crowds of people.
- ...wrapping and posting parcels.
- ...addressing Christmas cards.
- ...cleaning and polishing your home.
- ...endless baking of mince pies and Christmas turkey.
- ...hiding coins in the Christmas pudding.
- ...trimming the Christmas tree.
- ...arranging and decorating a bounteous table.
- ...contributing something to someone less fortunate.
- ...listening to the Junior Sunday School children sing in sweet, tremulous voices.
- ...the warm handshake and the gay "Merry Christmas" greeting.
- ...the gathering of loved ones.
- ...Father Christmas.
- ...the Christmas tree on the village green.
- ...the welcoming of carolers at your door and offering refreshment.
- ...reading the story of the Saviour's birth from Luke.
- ...hanging up the Christmas stockings.
- ...taking pictures.
- ...being wakened by eager, "can't wait" children.
- ...being thankful for the birth of Jesus Christ.

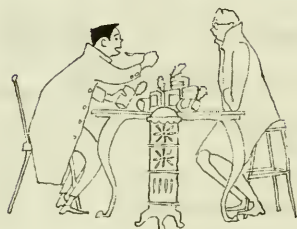
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Christmas At Our House



By Karen B. Bateman

Bateman children enact Nativity scene.
Rebecca is Baby Jesus and wise men,
twins Lisa and Lori, Scott

★ Christmas, what a glorious season! It is a time of happy anticipation. A time to renew old friendships and enjoy pleasant associations. A time to rekindle and boost our spiritual development. Perhaps foremost, it is a time for families to draw closer together, to plan, to anticipate to share and to love a little more.

When my husband Neldon and I were married, and spent our first Christmas together, we each brought with us, our own traditions, childhood memories and experiences, and merged them together into what became "Christmas at our Home". We now have four young children and are attempting to make Christmas a lovely season and a worthwhile experience for them, so in turn, they may someday take these traditions and memories into their own families.

With young children whose heads are full of dolls, trains, sweets and Father Christmas, often it is difficult to keep the thought of Christ and the celebration of His birthday in its proper per-

spective. One of the traditions we have developed is to bake a birthday cake complete with candles the day before Christmas, and then on Christmas Day we light the candles and sing Happy Birthday to Baby Jesus. This has been very effective with our children because a birthday celebration must have a cake to be complete. It also helps them appreciate the literal importance of the celebration of Christ's birthday.

We also have a special nativity scene which we arrange each year, and is one of the highlights of our decorations.

Another activity the children enjoy is the play-enactment of the first Christmas. This came about one year quite spontaneously. Since children so love to dress up, through this activity they get a more realistic idea, of the plight of Mary and Joseph and how happy the birth of Christ made those who were anticipating the great event.

We also enjoy baking and candy making during the holidays, and our favorite

project is a gingerbread house, which all can help to decorate. It is also an interesting "project" to see how much candy is left on the house by the time Christmas finally arrives! !

Since we moved to England, three years ago, we started collecting a set of Christmas dishes and we begin using these the first week in December. We also have a large felt advent calendar full of sweets and small toys to decorate the tree each day. These two projects help us prolong the pleasure and heighten the anticipation. I have found, that anticipation, especially with children, is often more exciting than the actual event.

We have found that our children really are as excited to give as to receive. We start the first part of November to encourage them to plan and save to buy gifts for each other. It is a delightful experience to see the children get more excited watching each other open gifts they have given, than to open their own gifts.

We also insist on taking turns in

opening gifts, so that we may all enjoy the experience and help to eliminate the confusion.

We love to entertain during the holidays, and enjoy planning together our decorations, centrepieces and refreshments. Since this is the first Christmas our Daddy has been Bishop, we have had great pleasure in planning a special open house on Christmas for members of our Ward who may be alone.

We have all appreciated the Family Home Evening Programme, and especially those preceding Christmas, which have helped us develop a more spiritual attitude to the season.

Since I have stopped to reflect on what Christmas at our home means to me, and the experiences and memories we are trying to give our own children, I become so aware of all the love, excitement, and spiritual gifts they in turn give to us. Certainly Christmas is a time for families to love and appreciate a little more, not only the Saviour but each other.

The Advent Calendar interests Lisa, left; Rebecca, Lori and Scott.



The True Meaning Of Dickens Christmas Carol

By Frank Paterson

★ "... Christmas Eve, Dick, Christmas, Ebenezer . . . cried old Fezziwig. In came a fiddler with a music book, and went up to the lofty desk, and made an orchestra of it. In came Mrs. Fezziwig, one vast substantial smile. In came the three Miss Fezziwigs, beaming and lovable. In came the six young followers whose hearts they broke. In came all the young men and women employed in the business. In came the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker. In came the cook, with her brother's particular friend, the milkman. In came the boy from over the way, who was suspected of not having board enough from his master; trying to hide himself behind the girl from next door but one, who was proved to have had her ears pulled by her mistress.

In they all came . . . anyhow and anyhow.

Away they all went . . . round and round in various stages of affectionate

grouping until, old Fezziwig clapping his hands to stop the dance cried out, "Well done!" There were more dances, and there were forfeits and more dances, and there was cake, and there was negus, and there was a great piece of Cold Roast, and there was a great piece of Cold Boiled, and there were mince pies.

When the clock struck eleven, this domestic ball broke up.

Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig took their stations, and shaking hands with every person individually as he or she went out, wished him or her a "Merry Christmas".

So, in A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens describes the Christmas Eve party in the warehouse of the benevolent employer Old Fezziwig. A party to which are invited not only his family close and distant but those for whom he feels responsible. His employees

and his neighbours, his associates and their friends. Those poorer than himself and those illtreated by others. Some shy, some bold, some graceful, some awkward, some pushing some pulling. His power lies in words and looks; in things so slight and insignificant that it is not possible to count them. He spreads the spirit of Christmas throughout his world and the happiness he gives is great.

Again in another poorer setting Dickens again describes a Christmas meal.

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by the apple sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family.

Yet everyone had had enough, and the young Cratchits, in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows!

Helloa! A great deal of steam!

The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating house and a pastry cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm

bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for so large a family. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

Apples and oranges were put on the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire. Then Bob proposed:

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us!"

Here again with all the means at his disposal Bob Cratchit bestows upon his family all that he can give. He generously gives and those in his home equally generously receive that he too may be blessed.

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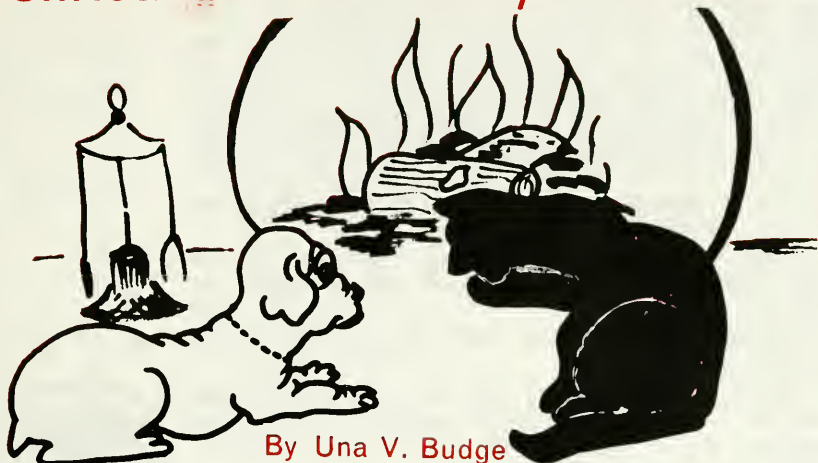
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Ben stretched his front legs to the fire and put his head on them, staring into the flames. Winter was a good time, he thought. Lovely smells in the woods and the beautiful feel of leaves rustling round your feet. But there was a feeling of bustle and excitement about the house that was unusual—a lot of laughing and running up and down, letters arriving and things going on in the kitchen. Jonty had been in the kitchen, but now he strolled in and settled himself against Ben's plump side and began to clean his tail very carefully.

"Christmas", said Jonty, flicking his whiskers. "You know—presents, and those terrible things that bang, and the tree with the glittery things on—and a turkey." So that was it, thought Ben. Christmas. He seemed to remember something concerning a new collar that he had bitten because it was stiff, and Missus had said, "Oh, Ben, your lovely Christmas collar!" But she had taken it off and put his old chain one on again. Ben had a very thick neck.

"I knew there was something" he grunted.

"They are going to Grannie's said Jonty, licking furiously. Ben hated what the family called "Going Away". Sometimes he went with them, and sometimes he went to kennels. Going with them had its advantages, but he never enjoyed it much. Kennels were dull, but the food was good. He gave a deep sigh, and slobbered on the hearthrug. Jonty loathed "Going Away" Not that he ever went. Usually he stayed at home, minding the house, and a neighbour came

in to feed him. It was terribly lonely, but at least he had his own bed. He missed all the feet around him—everything was too quiet and tidy, and there were no laps to sit on. Generally he slept on each bed in turn, trying to imagine that there were feet and legs in them that you could snuggle up against. This was not a great success. In fact, the only nice thing about Going Away was Coming Home. That was wonderful. So much stroking and kissing and hugging, and special treats to eat, and even Master offering a knee to be sat on, and the twins quarrelling about whose bed should be offered for sleeping. Fabulous! It was almost worth putting up with the miseries of Going Away.

"I don't like the kennels", said Ben. "They smell like the stuff Missus puts down the drains—pff! It makes me sneeze."

"Tell you what", said Jonty, giving up his washing. "Let's go, this time, shall we?"

"Where?" asked Ben. He was glad Jonty had stopped washing. Every time he licked he bumped against Ben and and gave him a little push that disturbed the comfortable position of his chin on his paws.

"Away, of course", said Jonty, and curled himself up, paws folded carefully. They both stared into the fire.



"When they Go Away there's no fire", said Jonty.

"Not in kennels, either", agreed Ben.

"I keep warm, of course, but it's nice to look at", said Jonty.

"Straw is warm, but it's very scratchy," said Ben. "Makes me itch". The thought of the straw made him itch, and he sat up to give himself a vigorous scratch before flopping down again.

"How can we Go Away?" he asked, seeing that Jonty was thinking. When he thought, his whiskers twitched to and fro.

Missus came in, looked at the fire and them, and began to put on more coal, smothering the pretty flames.

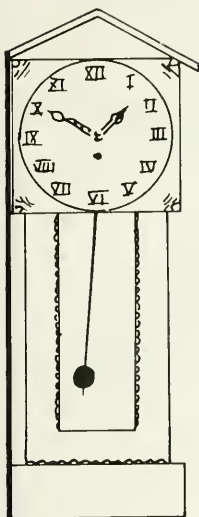
"Of course, you two would be in the warmest place, wouldn't you?" she teased, giving Jonty a pat and pulling Ben's ear. "If you were any use to me you'd make up the fire, wouldn't you?"

Ben looked up at her with eyes of love.

"I would if I could", he said, in his doggy way. Missus understood him very well.

"I believe you would, if you could", she said, and kissed his velvety head. Jonty shifted himself, and muttered that his paws wouldn't be able to lift these great lumps of coal, so if Missus relied on him it would be too bad. Missus





stroked him and gave his fine tail a little loving tug.

"As for you, you old black lazybones, I suppose your paws aren't big enough to lift coal", she said.

It was amazing how they understood, thought Jonty: Missus couldn't speak a word of Cat or Dog, but it was never safe to say anything private when she was around. Twinnies were learning, too. Master, fortunately, wasn't very good at languages. Even Martin said Daddy's French was terrible. When Missus went out again Jonty said,

"We can hide ourselves in the car".

"They let me sit in the front when they take me. Perhaps they will take me", said Ben.

"They won't. They're going to Granny. She has that revolting Peke. You chase it remember. It came here once. Granny calls it a dog, but to my mind it's neither Cat, Dog, nor good horse meat."

Ben sighed. He remembered the Peke all too well. His slow mind ground out a message.

"Perhaps it's gone", he said.

"What a hope", said Jonty. Perhaps, after all, going wasn't a good idea.

"Supposing we Went Away before they Come Back?" said Jonty. Ben lifted his big head and shook his ears.

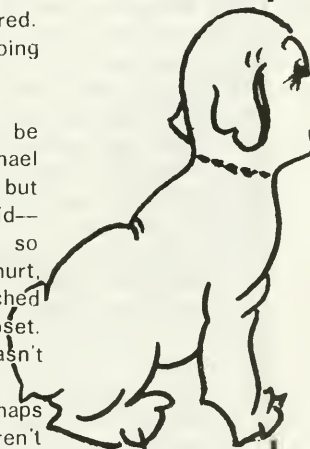
"What do you mean?" he asked, completely bewildered. What was the point of it? The only nice thing about Going Away was Coming Back. Jonty had just said so.

"If we weren't here, they'd be upset, wouldn't they?"

Jonty thought about it. Master and Missus would be worried, and the twins would be horrified: Baby Michael might not notice—he only noticed tails, at the moment, but Jonty supposed he would grow out of it, they usually did—but there was Alan to consider. Alan who loved them so and talked Cat and Dog beautifully—Alan would be hurt, and that was unbearable. Jonty's ear itched and he scratched it so hard that it hurt. No, he couldn't bear Alan to be upset.

"Forget it", said Jonty, trying to sound casual. "It wasn't a very good idea".

Ben sighed deeply and flopped over on his side. Perhaps after all Jonty had made a mistake—maybe they weren't Going Away. Perhaps Christmas would be here, with all the laughter and the lovely rustle of paper, and ice-cream and jelly which brought him out in spots, but he did love it so much. Jonty sighed, too, but turned it into a yawn. He determined to concentrate on the Coming Back, and to forget the Going Away. But he had seen all those cases, all that washing and ironing: he had gone and sat in one of the cases, and



Missus had actually slapped him—slapped! It was unbearable. Even though he was sitting on what she called her best evening skirt.

It was nearly time for tea. Soon the twins would come in, then Alan, then Master, and all the feet he loved would be around again: big and small, noisy and quiet, bare and slippered, nudging him, tickling him, sometimes standing on him, pushing him. The feet of His Family. Suddenly both of them heard the car come in, the doors slam, the front door fly open, and in came all the feet, accompanied by laughter and chattering and the noise of shoes coming off and books being dropped. Master had collected them all from school because it was the last day of term.

"No more school, no more school!" sang the twins, to the tune of Three Blind Mice. Alan was singing Good King Wenceslas and telling his mother that he had sung the Page, all at the same time. The noise was deafening but Jonty and Ben loved it. Ben had already got up and flung himself into the hall to jump and slobber all over everyone. Jonty went out in a dignified way, his tail aloft, making his greeting noise. Alan gathered him up and kissed him and murmured Cat into his ear.

I wish they weren't Going Away, thought Jonty. Alan understood and hugged him tight, so tight it hurt. He whispered, "I don't want to go to Granny's—I'd rather stay here with you and Ben".

"So would we", purred Jonty.

A little later, when tea was in progress, the telephone rang. Master got up to answer it, hushing his family as he asked "Who is it?"

"Charles?" ("It's Uncle Charles", hissed Alan).

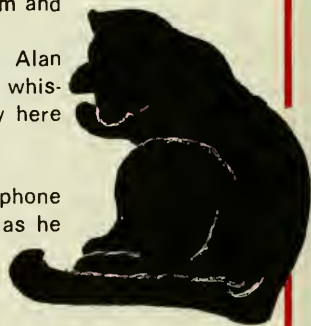
"Well, of course you can. We shall be away".

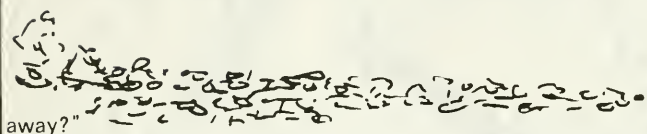
"Absolutely ideal, actually. Save us making arrangements for the animals." (The idea, bristled Jonty—"the animals", indeed! What next?)

"On Friday, then. No, delighted, my boy. Bring who you like. Place is all yours".

Missus said, as he sat down again and tried to answer the questions everyone was asking.

"I suppose Charles is going to live here while we're





away?"

"Yes—that's O.K. isn't it? Ideal, I thought. Don't you?"

"Yes, of course, it's fine, darling. I'd better leave him to get in his own food".

Jonty and Ben looked at each other. This would be fine for them, too. A fire: feet: a lap—maybe several laps. Young Uncle Charles, who loved cats and cooked delicious meals and would walk for miles in the woods and help Ben get a rabbit. There was only one thing that would make Christmas perfect for them, and now it happened.

"Mummy", said Alan, breathlessly, "Mummy, may I ask you something? Terribly secret?"

"What is it, love?" asked his mother, as he came to her and put his arms round her. Alan whispered urgently in her ear.

"Mummy—please—may I stay with Uncle Charles for Christmas? May I, Mummy? Do let me—please."

His mother ruffled his hair. "If Daddy says yes—if you think Uncle Charles will have you."

"O Mummy, he'll have me! We have gorgeous times together. Daddy, please may I?"

His whispers had been so loud that his father had heard them perfectly.

"I don't see why you shouldn't. I don't suppose Granny will mind one less. One thing, though. You must both come over for Boxing Day tea to Granny's—understood? One other thing—you must take care of the animals."

"Jonty and Ben? Of course, Daddy. Of course I'll take care of them. They get ever so lonely without us. I hate leaving them behind. Oh Daddy, thank you."

Jonty nudged Ben.

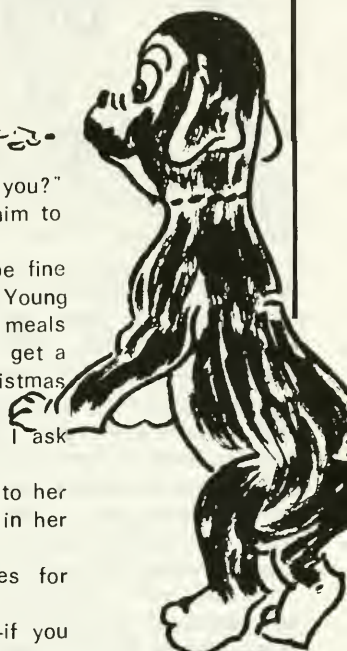
"It's going to be a lovely Christmas", he purred.

"Yes, a lovely Christmas", grunted Ben.

"Look at those two fat things there", said Missus. "Did you ever see such a picture of laziness?"

But Alan was on the rug hugging them both, and there were three very happy people—if you call a cat and a dog people—in the room that evening. Jonty said, his face against Alan's ear.

"Christmas is for making people happy, isn't it?"





Brothers — By The

By E. McCree Vale, Bristol

★ In the British lines on Sunday, 25th December, 1916, there was restrained merry-making. They had additional supplies, including Christmas puddings and many of the usual things that went with that magical word—Christmas.

Order, however, had to be maintained and someone would have to go on sentry. There was a call for volunteers. Jim Harding's hand went up—"You can count on me, Sir" he said.

He was not a kill-joy, but it would be Christmas Day and Sunday, and every man to his own taste—half the lads would be drunk, so he did not mind standing guard one little bit.

Or, Christmas Eve, the snow had fallen a little and it was very cold. Christmas Day saw a shimmering white crisp carpet spread over the bomb pitted land. The air was like wine—there was peace. No screaming bombs, no machine gun fire, and all the terrors they brought with them.

This peace was wonderful. As Jim walked—he thought; looking at his watch—10.30, back home they would all be assembled for the special Christmas morning programme—he felt he must sing, and sing out loud.

He started very quietly at first, but soon his rich baritone voice gained power as he sang—

O my Father, Thou that dwellest,
In a high and glorious place,

When shall I regain Thy presence,
And again behold Thy face.

In Thy Holy habitation,

did my spirit once reside,

In my first primeval childhood,

Was I nurtured near Thy side.

Then—the most extraordinary thing happened, a German voice commenced singing. A glorious voice came across no-mans-land, across all the barbed wire entanglements. As this tin-hatted German walked up and down the German trench he sang—

For a wise and glorious purpose.

Thou hast placed me here on earth.

And withheld the recollection

of my former friends and birth.

Yet oft times, a secret something,

Whispered, "You're a stranger here".

And I felt that I had wandered,

From a more exalted sphere.

As the German words came across to Jim, he followed every syllable in English. He then started singing the third verse; his voice trembling a little as he began. He could never remember feeling so moved before, but his voice gained power, as he sang.

I had learned to call Thee Father,

Through Thy Spirit from on high,

But until the key of knowledge,

Was restored, I knew not why.

In the heavens are parents single?

No; the thought makes reason stare,

Truth is reason, truth eternal,



Laws Of God!

Yes! There the German stood, his helmet just showing. Then the fourth verse came across, as clear as a bell. He sang as if it was a prayer of entreaty.

When I leave this frail existence,
When I lay this mortal by,
Father—Mother, may I meet you,
In your royal courts on high.
Then at length, when I've completed,
All you sent me forth to do,
With our mutual approbation
Let me come and dwell with you .

Then there was a silence—a silence that could almost be felt. Then—this German soldier was very carefully getting through the barbed wire. Jim sprang forward and got through the barbed wire, quicker than he would ever have thought it possible. Then both men crawled—slithered—wriggled towards each other. Strangers—enemies—yet brothers.

Brothers—no bombs, no machine guns could ever take that relationship away from them. Neither could speak the others language, but speech was not necessary. The German grabbed Jim's hand, with the grip like a vice. They looked into each others eyes, as they lay there on the ground; both knew they were not alone. The Spirit of the The Lord was there with them.

For a brief second their eyes closed in prayer. Then with another grip of their tightly clasped hands they crawled and wriggled back to their own lines and into their trenches, standing for a second looking over the top, then each lifted a hand as a parting gesture. Turning they resumed their march, guarding their separate countries strip of land, brushing the snow from their uniforms as they went. The German doing his duty to the Kaiser, and Jim doing the same for his King.

No King, no Emperor, could ever take away from these brothers the unity of those few short minutes, or that beautiful song which had drawn them together. They had been protected, they both knew, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Each man knew, too, if anyone had seen and cared to betray them, the penalty could have been death.

Nothing could ever take away from them that unique experience—that devastated strip of no-mans-land in the battlefield had been their Church, the scene of their Christmas morning programme.

Enemies by their countries' laws,
Brothers by the laws of God.

(The narrative of this story is based upon the numerous extraordinary incidents that took place during the 1914-18 War. Sister Vale recently died.)

Relief Society Women Urged To Put Father At Head Of The Family

★ Relief Society members, as homemakers, were urged during the auxiliary's annual conference in the Tabernacle on Temple Square, "to put father at the head of the home."

Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, encouraged the women to provoke their husbands to good work and particularly, to see to it that everyone is so alerted to the weekly Family Home Evening and allow nothing to interfere with these evenings.

Reminding the women to constantly assess the programmes of Relief Society, Elder Lee urged members to live consecrated lives—lives consecrated to service, to loyalty to the priesthood, and loyalty to one another.

Elder Lee warned against accepting the world's standards in regard to sex education, as he appealed to mothers to teach their children high standards with regard to intimate behaviour.

Welfare Programme

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, addressed the women on the Welfare programme of the Church. He counseled against any person in the Church becoming a welfare charge for the Church or the public as long as relatives were able to care for such person.

The Church Welfare programme stands ready to help those who cannot help themselves or who cannot obtain sufficient aid from family members. The programme accepts as a fundamental truth that the responsibility for one's economic maintenance first rests upon

the individual, secondly upon the family and third upon the Church if the person is a faithful member, he said.

Elder Taylor urged everyone to obtain an education, trade, skill, or profession so that remunerative employment may be secured. He likewise encouraged all to live within their incomes, avoid excessive debt, and acquire and store a reserve of food, clothing, and cash on a sensible, well-planned basis.

Sister Belle S. Spafford, general president of the auxiliary, conducted the conference and spoke of the rights and responsibilities of women. She cited the democratic way of life as having not its beginning with the 13 American colonies in America, but dating back to the ancient Greeks;

"Aristotle taught that a state should be but the joining together of people for the happiness of themselves and families, with each one being allowed as much independence as possible, without interfering with the rights of others."

Prophets Taught Freedom

She noted that the 1215 Magna Charta was the foundation and pillar of English constitutional law.

Sister Spafford said Latter-day Saints know that God's prophets have taught the importance of freedom which comes through representative government.

She said it is highly disturbing that certain influences are making inroads upon "our democracy and its happy productive way of life for the people."

Teachers Most Important, Sunday School Leaders Told

★ The greatest influence the Sunday School can have is the teacher. And the teacher should teach:

"That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh, the Creator of the world . . . and that because of His death and by and through His resurrection every man born into the world since the beginning will be likewise literally resurrected.

"That the Father and the Son actually and in truth and very deed appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith in a vision . . . and that the Gospel and the Holy Priesthood after the order of the Son of God were in truth and fact restored to the earth from which they were lost by the apostasy of the primitive church."

Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Twelve, keynote speaker at the Sunday School semi-annual conference said Sunday School teachers have a great opportunity and challenge "to go over the map in our journey of life and pull us back on course."

"Don't lose sight of the fact that the power of Sunday School is in the lesson" he said.

Gen. Supt. David Lawrence McKay and his two assistants Lynn S. Richards and Royden G. Derrick, directed the conference in the Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Many teaching aids were on display during departmental sessions of the auxiliary's conference.



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The Prophet Speaks

Religion — A Potent Power That Can Solve Problems

By President David O. McKay

(The prophet's message delivered at the 138th semi-annual General Conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle)

I am grateful for the blessings of the Lord to His Church in all the world, and for the assurance of His divine guidance and inspiration. With deep gratitude, I acknowledge His nearness and His goodness. . . .

I love life! I think it is a joy to be alive in this age . . . It is a glorious age in which we live, and I have faith in the law-abiding and industrious people of this country, as well as throughout the world, and I trust that only good will be realized from the material strides being made.

However, no thinking man will doubt that this age is fraught with limitless perils, as well as untold possibilities. As we read and learn of conditions that are developing among the people, we must admit there are real causes for apprehension and alertness. As we note the increase in crime, and the disrespect for law and order, we are naturally shocked and alarmed. Just recently J. Edgar Hoover reported that:

"We have on the loose in our country today a predatory monster called CRIME. It is growing in size and viol-

ence . . . It is ripping away the very fibre of our society and our system of government.

"One appalling aspect is the fact that many people in positions of responsibility continue to deny this truth. They prefer to close their eyes and hope that crime, if ignored, will go away. This wistful approach is doomed to failure. . . .

"The answer to our Nation's crime problem will be found in direct, positive action—not by waiting and hoping the problem will go away. A good beginning would be to let the guilty criminal know that when he is arrested, he will be promptly prosecuted and substantially punished for his misdeeds. A good time to begin would be NOW."

Must Warn

We cannot, we must not, be insensible to the evil forces around us, and especially the Communistic conspiracy, the avowed object of which is to destroy faith in God, to sow discord and contention among men with the view of undermining, weakening, if not entirely destroying, our constitutional form of government, and to weaken and subvert the ideals of our younger generation. When acts and schemes are manifestly contrary to the revealed word of the

Conference Report



President McKay

Lord, I feel, as do my associates, justified in warning our people against them.

It is appalling and shocking to learn that an estimated six million Americans suffer from alcoholism. The Public Health Service ranks alcoholism as the fourth major public health problem in the United States. The impaired morals, ruined health, broken homes, and increased traffic deaths which result from drinking are well known by all of us.

One of the great influences upon my youth was the memorizing of that important scripture: "My spirit will not dwell in an unclean tabernacle." I recall other warnings. One came to me as a boy. I sat on a spring seat by the side of my father as we drove into Ogden. Just before we reached the bridge across the Ogden River, a man came out of a saloon on the north bank of the river. I recognized him. I liked him because I had seen him on the stage. But on that occasion he was

under the influence of liquor, and had been, I suppose, for several days.

Vivid Warning

When he saw us, he broke down and cried, and asked father for 50 cents so that he could go back into the saloon for another drink. As we drove across the bridge my father said, "David, that man whom you just saw in that drunken state used to go with me to visit the members of the ward in their homes as a representative of the priesthood." That was all my father said to me about the incident, but it was a very vivid warning to me about the effects of dissipation that I have never forgotten.

I cannot give you the author nor the title of the book, but I can give you the memory of the lesson of a group of young people sailing down the river towards Niagara Falls. Those young folks were drinking and carousing and having a "good time" in the boat sailing down that river. A man on the shore, realizing the dangers that lay ahead, cried out to them, "Young men, ahoy! and cry: "Young men, ahoy, there is the rapids are below!" But they ignored his warning and finally over the rapids they went!

It is one thing to stand on the shore and cry: "Young men, ahoy, there is danger ahead"; and it is another thing to row into the stream, and, if possible, get into the boat with the young men and by companionship, by persuasion, and by legitimate force, when necessary, turn the boat from the rapids. Too many of us stand on the shore and cry . . . Let us get into their lives, let us touch their personality by our personality, and let them feel that there is something real in this religion; that it is the greatest thing in life; that nothing else can make them so

happy and satisfied as the true religious life. . .

Love Justice, Hate Evil

A clean man is a national asset. A pure woman is the incarnation of true national glory. A CITIZEN WHO LOVES JUSTICE AND HATES EVIL IS BETTER AND STRONGER THAN A BATTLESHIP.

The strength of any community consists of and exists in the men who are pure, clean, upright, and straightforward, ready for the right and sensitive to every approach of evil. Let such ideals be the standard of citizenship.

We have confidence in the majority of the young people, but no matter how firm our confidence in them is, we must not close our eyes to the fact that the number of delinquents and youthful criminals is increasing. In the interest of the moral atmosphere of our communities, the welfare of the state, and the perpetuity of our democratic form of government, we must apply the proper remedies and if possible remove the causes of crime.

Another important cause for the increase in delinquency IS A LET DOWN IN HOME IDEALS . . . The home is the best place in the world to teach the highest ideal in the social and political life of man; namely, perfect liberty of action so long as you do not trespass upon the rights and privileges of another. The great need in the home today is more religion. Parents should make it obvious, both by their actions and their conversations, that they are seriously interested in the fruits of true religion. Next to the home, the Church should be a dominant force in safeguarding our youth.

THERE IS A POTENT POWER IN LIFE THAT WILL SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS, AND THAT POTENT POWER IS RELIGION!

Moral Integrity

Spiritual development and moral integrity are fundamental in the lives of all who would build a community that will contribute to the safety and advancement of our Republic or of any other nation.

President Calvin Coolidge truly said:

"The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of a country. There is no way by which we can substitute authority of law for the virtue of man. Of course, we can help to restrain the vicious and furnish a fair degree of security and protection by legislation and police control, but the real reforms which society in these days is seeking will come as a result of our religious convictions or they will not come at all.

"Peace, justice, humanity, charity—these cannot be legislated into being."

The principles of the Gospel are the surest and safest guide to mortal man. Christ is the Light to humanity! When this Light is rejected, the soul of man stumbles in darkness. No person, no group, no nation can achieve true success without following Him who said: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

I say to the Youth of this Church, and to all people everywhere, God exists, He is near. Have faith in Him; seek Him diligently, and He will reward your efforts. Submit yourselves to Him and to His environment, that you may have that testimony that comes from within. Such is your privilege. Such a feeling and testimony you may obtain if you but seek Him diligently. Live clean upright lives, and devote yourselves not to self, but to the life and happiness of others.

Poetry Winners Announced

★ The Millennial Star herewith announces the winners in the recent original Poetry Writing Contest. The Editorial Staff desires to express appreciation to all who entered the contest and to the panel of judges for their consideration of the entries.

Winner of the contest is Mrs. Karen B. Bateman, Hyde Park Ward, London Stake, with her poem, "Birth".

Second place was given to the poem "Life's Purpose" submitted by Elder M. L. Banfield, Hull, Yorkshire.

"The Deadliest Weapon of All" written by Ann Stoner, age 16, Camberwell, S.E.5., was judged third place.

Two poems tied for fourth place, "A Flower in the Gutter" by A. W. Tennyson, Brighton and "The Pattern Makers" entered by Sis. Veronica G. Slyman, Moorstown, Leeds, Yorkshire.

These and other entries of merit will be published in the Millennial Star as opportunities occur

(Winners in the short story contest will be announced in the January issue of The Millennial Star.)

BIRTH

By Mrs. Karen B. Bateman

She lay upon white, chlorine-scented sheets,
And wrought a miracle.
As mighty as the roaring white-crested waves,
Which parted space for the Israelites.
As enduring as infinity.

The crystal beads formed metric patterns,
Across the furrows of her brow.
Slender, tightly drawn lips testify,
Of her determination.
Before her pass tear-dimmed experiences,
Of loved ones, sorrows, expectations.

Then all is supplanted by work,
Sheer physical work
As tenuous as steel beams,
Which heave and thrust their great authority,
To support the edifice.

She feels as if all space and substance,
Were centered on her volcanic soul.
Then as if God stopped and gathered her
In his immense arms,
She feels enveloped in his peace.
She feels the tiny hand in hers,
Then she sleeps.

President Tanner Says 'Make Christianity Real'

By President N. Eldon Tanner

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Address at the Saturday morning Conference

★ The only clear and sure solution to our many problems in this troubled, confused world today, is to make our professed Christianity real, to make it personal, apply it in our lives, accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and as there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:1-2).

How uplifting and dignifying it is to know that we are truly the spirit children of God, made in His image; that He and Jesus Christ are personal gods, and that they are interested in us, and that . . . "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

With all the irrefutable testimonies of the prophets regarding the Gospel truths, why is it so difficult for man to accept and endure sound doctrine, which is so important to all of us? Some of the reasons are evident.

Satan's influence on mankind . . . Satan was cast down, "and he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men and to lead them captive at his will, even

as many as would not hearken unto my voice." (Moses 4:3-4.)

False Teachings

Communists, anti-Christ, and the promoters of the God-is-dead theory, as well as the skeptics and some who style themselves, as religious leaders, are actively engaged in teaching false doctrine and in using every hostile means to break down and destroy a belief in God and in the scriptures, thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus Christ when He said;

"For there shall rise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24.)

Also many . . . because of their worldly learning feel that if they cannot prove physically, mathematically, or scientifically that God lives, they can and should feel free to question and even to deny God and Jesus Christ. Then many of our professors begin to teach perverse things, to lead away disciples after them, and our youth whom we send to them for learning accept them as authority, and many

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are caused to lose their faith in God.

I cannot understand a scientist of pseudo intellectual, or anyone who should be searching for the truth, having the temerity to place himself as authority in religion to the point that he would challenge, let alone deny, the teachings of God the Eternal Father, the Creator of the world, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, because he cannot prove it scientifically.

Accept Simple Truths

How much wiser and better it is for man to accept the simple truths of the Gospel and to accept as authority God, the Creator of the world, and His Son Jesus Christ, and accept by faith those things which he cannot disprove, and for which he cannot give a better explanation. He must be prepared to acknowledge that there are certain things—many, many things—that he cannot understand.

How can we deny or even disbelieve God when we cannot understand even the simplest things around us—how the leaf functions, what electricity is, what our emotions are, when the spirit enters the body, and what happens to it when we leave? How can we say that because we do not understand the resurrection there is or cannot be a resurrection?

We are admonished to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Prov. 3:5.)

Teach Belief In God

Parents, we must not become so engrossed with worldly matters that we fail to teach our children the doctrines of salvation, both by example and by precept. We must teach them a belief in God, that His Son, Jesus Christ, is the Saviour of the world, who gave His life that we might be resurrected.

How many families today meet in family prayer, or teach their children to pray privately to a personal God who will hear and answer their prayers, and teach them the importance of loving their fellowmen?

What a great world this would be to live in if all parents would hold a weekly family Home Evening and would teach their children the word of the Lord. Just accepting and living what He called the "great commandment in the law" would create a heaven on earth wherein all could dwell in peace and happiness.

If we loved our fellow men we would not steal, we would not kill, we would not commit adultery, we would not bear false witness or do any of those things which would be determinental to our neighbour.

LIFE'S PURPOSE

Second Place Winner in Poetry Contest

As you tread your path through life, what is it that you seek?
To mix with mighty, noble ones or mingle with the meek?
In this life what is your purpose? When you answer I say then
Follow this up with "and what then?" and again, again, again. . .

When you've finished, is the outcome in the graveyard 'neath the sod?
Or in everlasting glory with our Heavenly Father, God?
Joy is not achieved by going your own self-willed sweet way,
But by finding what God's will is and learning to obey.

Do you have the proper concept of the plan God has for you,
Would you like to know for certain and be positive it's true?
You can listen to the teachings of every single sect
But then how can you tell which one is perfectly correct?

Men may grandly try to tell you in a most impressive tone
Yet you must not believe them for all roads don't lead to Rome.
But of all the things you can hear, what is it you want then?
Simple truths from God's authorities or doctrines of mere men?

I commend to you the teachings of the Church which firmly states,
It has a prophet and apostles and that God communicates
With his children and he's given us his precious gospel plan,
And he says "You be like me, every woman, every man."

It has all the saving teachings as the Church in former days
And is guided by a prophet who teaches us God's ways.
Of all the pearls of knowledge I cherish this the most,
If you will pray, you too can know through God the Holy Ghost.

These things are true and God requires that every one comply
With the gospel plan he gave us, so can you justify
Not living now the laws he's given which are only for our good?
When judgements come on holy ground will you be safely stood?

If you won't live the gospel now, I tell you sister, brother,
The things God has prepared for you will be given to another.
You should have known much better, this life was just a little while,
And old Satan, with malignant glee, says with an evil smile,

"The web that I wove for you, with which I took great pains,
You let yourself walk into and now you're in Hell's chains."
Thus summing up, true happiness for all mankind—and you,
Is heeding what God's prophet tells us God would have us do.

(By M. L. Banfield, 188 Victoria Avenue, Hull Yorkshire)

President Smith Says: Gospel Is Power Unto Salvation

By President Joseph Fielding Smith
Counselor in the First Presidency

At the Sunday morning Conference session.

★ Our mission is to save, to preserve from evil, to exalt mankind, to bring light and truth into the world, to prevail upon the people of the earth to walk uprightly before God, and to Honour Him in their lives and with the first fruits of all their substance and increase.

"Mormonism," as it is called, is still as always, nothing more nor less than the power of God unto salvation, unto every soul that will receive it honestly and will obey it.

Latter-day Saints are people who stand for truth, honour, virtue, purity of life, honesty in business and in religion; who stand for God and His righteousness, His truth, His work in the earth and for the salvation of the children of men.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation, and it is absolutely necessary for every man and Woman in the Church to work righteously, to observe the laws of God, and keep the commandments that He has given, in order that they may avail themselves of the power of God unto salvation in this life.

The fruits of the Spirit of God—the fruits of true religion—are peace, love, virtue, honesty, integrity, and fidelity to every principle known in the law of

the Lord. Read the 5th chapter of Galatians, and there you will discover the difference between the fruits of the Spirit of God and fruits of the world.

Mormon Difference

That is one of the great differences between Mormonism and the theology of the world. If we will bow to its mandates and adopt its principles in our lives, it will make us sons and daughters of God, worthy eventually to dwell in the presence of the Almighty in the heavens.

The Kingdom of God is here to grow, to spread abroad, to take root in the earth and to abide where the Lord has planted it by His own power and by His own word, never more to be destroyed but to continue until the purposes of the Almighty shall be accomplished, every principle that has been spoken of by the prophets since the world began.

The Lord Almighty is the Creator of the earth; He is the Father of all our spirits, He has the right to dictate what we should do, and it is our duty to obey, and to walk according to His requirements.

We ask no odds of any man. We bear a fearless testimony that these things are true. We know that the one in

whom we trust is God, for it has been revealed to us. We are not in the dark, neither have we obtained our knowledge from any man, or collection of men, but through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

This We Want

The Gospel is salvation, and without it there is nothing worth having. This is what we are after. The reason that we are here is that we may overcome every folly and prepare ourselves for eternal life in the future.

Let us be faithful and humble; let us live the religion of Jesus Christ; put away the weaknesses of the flesh, and cleave to the Lord and His truth with undivided hearts, with full determination to fight the good fight of faith and continue steadfast to the end.



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Council Of Women Honour Two LDS Leaders

★ Sister Belle S. Spafford, general president of the Relief Society and Sister Florence S. Jacobsen, general president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, were honoured recently by the National Council of Women.

Sis. Spafford was elected president of the Council, the first member of the Church to be so honoured. She will serve a two-year term, during which she will visit many cities and states, reviewing the work of the National Council and as she also fulfills her Relief Society assignments to the various stakes.

Previously she served as second and third vice-president on the board of the NC of Women and more recently as chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee.

This is the first time a National Council president has resided beyond New York City.

Sis. Jacobsen was awarded the "Woman of Conscience" honour by the National Council of Women, an affiliate of the International Council of Women. Sis. Jacobsen was honoured for her service to youth and for her work in recreation. She was nominated for the award by Sis. Spafford.

Destiny Of America Outlined By President Dyer

By President Alvin R. Dyer
Counselor in the First Presidency

At the Sunday morning Conference session

★ I have a firm conviction that the true destiny of America is religious, not political; spiritual, not physical.

Much has been said by many of its founding. The Prophet Joseph Smith himself declared its Constitution to be heavenly inspired and because of this we pray for its purposeful continuity.

But noble and great as are the political phases of its establishment, its real significance lies in its spiritual purpose, for which it was truly founded. I have chosen two of these spiritual and therefore God-purposed reasons for reference:

First: America was founded to fulfill a covenant which God made with the Patriarchal ancestors of the House of Israel. The Lord, speaking unto a remnant of this House who had inhabited this land had this to say:

"For it is wisdom in the Father that they should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel." (III Nephi 21:4)

Quotes Revelation

Secondly: America, and its Constitution, were founded to preserve unto



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mankind the God-given right of moral agency. I quote from a revelation given to Joseph Smith on this subject:

"According to the laws and constitutions of the people, which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles;

"That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity, ac-

cording to the moral agency which I have given unto him, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment.

"Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another.

"And for this purpose have I established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood." (D&C 101:77-80.)

Migrated 2,300 B.C.

According to the Book of Mormon, the Jaredites began their migration to this land at the time when the great Tower of Babel was under construction. This occurred in about the year 2300 B.C. At this time the language of the people was confused.

This tower has been identified in our modern time at a place called Hillah in modern Iraq, southwest of the city of Baghdad, on the east bank of the Euphrates River.

Here is found a ruin known as Birs Nimrud, standing like a watchtower on a vast plain. Inscriptions on the pyramid-shaped ruins were found by Rawlinson to bear the name of "The Temple of the Seven Planets." This ruin is supposed to be what is left of the Tower of Babel.

In the course of the travels of the Jaredites, first northward into the valley of Nimrod and then, after crossing many lakes and rivers, eventually reaching the great sea which separated the continents, they established a community named Moriancumr, after their leader the brother of Jared. (Ether 2: 1-6)

Land of Promise

We learn that the Lord gave instruc-

tions to the brother of Jared for the building of submersible barges that would enable his colony to cross the great waters in a land of promise, concerning which Moriancumr wrote:

"And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.

"For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God." (Ether 2: 9,10)

About 1600 years later, or 600 B.C. a prophet by the name of Lehi with his family left doomed Jerusalem as the Lord had directed him. Lehi and his colony, as with the Jaredites many centuries before, were to be led to the promised land. Speaking unto Nephi the son of Lehi while they were yet in the wilderness prior to their embarkation, the Lord said this was a land of promise, a land which He had prepared for these people, "yea, a land which is choice above all other lands." (1 Nephi 2:20)

Nephi later declared that his people had obtained this "land of promise, a land which is choice above all other lands, a land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me should be a land for the inheritance of my seed. Yea, the Lord hath covenanted this land unto me, and to my children forever, and also all those who should be led

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out of other countries by the hand of the Lord." (II Nephi 1:5)

Land of Inheritance

In III Nephi 20: 13, 14, 22) the Lord declares he shall gather his seed in from their long dispersion and establish again among them his Zion. He designed the land of America as the land of inheritances unto those who are of the House of Israel from throughout the earth, fulfilling the covenant which He made with their father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem.

Thus from these and other brief accounts we see the reasons why America, or the Continent of America, is the promised land choice above all other lands, for it was here that the inhabitation of man began, and here where covenants were first established.

While the reformation and the surge for freedom was gaining momentum in Europe and England, events were transpiring leading to the rediscovery of the land of America, for God touched the heart of a mariner by the name of Christopher Columbus, who eventually pioneered a passageway to the promised land in 1492.

But Columbus, the Nephites, or the Jaredites were not its original discoverer, nor did they establish the purpose of America's destiny. This had already been established in the infancy of earth's habitation. In these migrations

they were but directed to the land of man's beginning upon the earth.

Visited Other Sheep

We have learned that following His earth-life ministry among the Jews, visiting the sheep of another fold here in the land of America and establishing the Church among the people, the resurrected Christ tells of the founding of America and the coming forth again, of the Gospel unto the remnant of the seed of those then occupying this land, and unto all of the children of God which was to follow a period of spiritual darkness upon the earth.

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America as Zion will not fail, since America is the land choice above all other lands, and it is the "Centre Place" that Zion will be established. America as Zion will not fail, not simply because it is the land of our illustrious independence and constitutional fathers, but because it is the land of Joseph, the son of Jacob and has been so established by God's Covenant. It is the land for the gathering of Israel in the culminating period of the last dispensation which God has established through the Prophet Joseph Smith.



A Prophet "Great Like Unto Moses"

By Elder Milton R. Hunter

Of the First Council of the Seventy

At the Friday morning session of Conference

★ The Prophet Joseph Smith fits in every detail the prophecy made anciently by Joseph of Egypt that in the latter days God would raise up a great prophet, seer, and revelator.

He said this prophet and seer would perform a great and marvelous work for the salvation of the human family. His name would be Joseph and his father's name would be Joseph. He would "be mighty among the people and would . . . do much good both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith to work mighty wonders, and do that which is great in the sight of God." (2 Nephi 3:6-24) He would "be great like unto Moses." (Ibid. 3:9)

Joseph Smith was God's holy anointed prophet, seer, and revelator through heaven and the true Church of Jesus Christ established in the latter days in fulfillment of the predictions made by many of the ancient prophets.

In every respect Joseph Smith was God's prophet, seer and revelator who

was "great like unto Moses." A seer has the power to look through the veil and see visions.

Visited By God, Jesus

No personal visitation to mortal man of God the Father and His Only Begotten Son has been recorded in any holy scripture which equals the marvelous experience had by Joseph Smith, the Seer. In response to his prayer in the Sacred Grove in the spring of 1820, Joseph was visited by God the Eternal Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Also, on other occasions during his life, Joseph Smith had the unusual privilege of seeing Jesus Christ. For example, on Feb. 16, 1832, regarding Sidney Rigdon and himself, Joseph wrote:

" . . . the Lord touched the eyes of our understanding and they were opened . . . "

"And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father . . . "

"And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before His throne,

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worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.

"And now after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him. That he lives!

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D&C 76:19-24)

Seer Like Unto Moses

These personal experiences had by the Prophet Joseph Smith definitely illustrate the fact that he was indeed a seer "great like unto Moses," because Joseph saw God and talked with him face to face as one man talks with another even as did Moses.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was also visited on numerous occasions by heavenly messengers other than God, such as the Angel Moroni; by John the Baptist; by Peter, James, and John; by Moses, Elias, and Elijah, as well as by Gabriel, Rafael, and Michael. (See Pearl

of Great Price, p. 51; D&C 13: 110:11-16; 128: 20-21.)

These heavenly messengers bestowed upon the Prophet divine powers, keys, authority, and priesthood, and gave him various instructions requisite to establishing the true Gospel and Church of Jesus Christ on earth again. Thus, there was a "... restitution of all things (to the Prophet Joseph Smith) which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:21.)

3 Volumes Of Scripture

The Prophet Joseph Smith produced for the world three new volumes of holy scriptures namely; The Book of Mormon, The Doctrine and Covenants, and The Pearl of Great Price—No prophet who has ever lived has accomplished such a tremendous feat. There are only 177 pages in the Old Testament attributed to Moses while Joseph Smith either translated through the gift and power of God or received as direct revelation from Joseph 835 similar size pages of holy scriptures. Joseph's accomplishments stand superb among prophets as a proclaimer of the will and word of the Lord.

Perhaps paramount of his accomplishments was that "through the gift and power of God and the Urim and Thummin" he translated the Book of Mormon into modern English from an ancient unknown language called Reformed Egyptian.

It is of significance to remember that Jesus Christ restored His true Gospel and Church on the earth again through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Doctrine & Covenants states (D &C 135:3) "Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it."

What Will The Harvest Be

By Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg



Bishop Vandenberg

★ The goodness of our Father in Heaven is especially evident at this season as we again witness another great harvest.

It is important to realise that we make our "garden" or, in this case our life just what it is.

It has been said that "man has two creators, his God and himself. The first creator furnishes him the raw materials for his life. . . The second creator—himself—has marvelous powers he rarely realizes. It is what a man makes of himself that counts." (William George Jordan.)

No factor in life is more vital to living than the realization that you and I are, in the final analysis, our own creators. This principle is often referred to as the "Law of the Harvest. . ." whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7.)

Each year as the farmer surveys his land, plans his field, organizes his work, he contemplates having a rich harvest. So should it be in our personal lives and especially so with those who have called to serve as spiritual leaders. I do not know whether the impact of the wisdom of President McKay's counsel to the stake presidents and bishops has found its mark as yet. He said:

"The spirituality of a ward will be commensurate with the activity of the youth in that ward. The president of the priests quorum is the bishop, by ordination, and it is his duty to have the confidence of these young men and girls of corresponding ages, for they will mold the moral atmosphere of his ward."

Utilise Programmes

As with all programmes and directions given by our Church leaders we can only harvest the benefits by utilizing

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the various inspired programmes. One way to involve the youth is through the Bishop's Youth Activity Committee, which is outlined in the Aaronic Priesthood Youth Handbook.

An example of the harvest reaped by a bishop who is taking up the cause and is involving the young men and young women of his ward is one reported to the Presiding Bishopric by the young men and young women who are participating in this experience, saying:

"Bishop, this is what we want to do.

"1—Under your direction we would like to take a programme to the home-bound members of our ward.

"2—With your permission, we would also like to present the programme in Sacrament meeting each fifth Sunday; and with your help we'd like to plan the first programme around the theme of obedience.

"3—For Christmas we'd like to repair toys and make cakes for some of the less fortunate members of our ward.

"4—We'd also like to clear the weeds away from the intersections in the neighbourhood."

With them it is no longer a programme in which they wait for the adults to plan for them. With proper guidance, they are performing above and beyond what is generally expected of them.

Way Youth Grows

The Aaronic Priesthood-Youth (Activity) Committee in the Church is organised to give the youth responsibility in planning and executing their own activities. With this responsibility will come a growth, that will prepare every young Latter-day Saint boy to hold with dignity, honour, and worthiness the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood.

"There's one difference between us and any other youth organisation. We do things the Lord's way and not the

way we think is best. Our Saviour tells us that our Father's house is a house of order, and the priesthood is the way His house is ordered." . . .

As we involve the youth in meaningful responsibilities, they will rise to meet the challenge. Today's youth need specific guidance because of our complex society which offers many alternatives for both excellence and mediocrity. They must catch the vision and requirement of an abundant harvest in their own lives.

The "Law of the Harvest" will bring blessings and joy to those who sow and cultivate seeds of righteousness. The Lord has declared that "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated.

By Obedience

"And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (D&C 130:20-21).

The planting of the seeds of His Gospel have brought hope, peace, and the opportunity for exaltation. . . .

It is the culmination of our day-to-day decisions and actions which determine whether we will reap a harvest of peace in this life and life eternal, or unhappiness. . . .

We are, in a very real way, our own creators. We reap that which we have sown, and we receive our wages of ". . . eternal happiness or eternal misery, according to the spirit which (we) listed to obey, whether it be a good spirit or a bad one. For every man receiveth wages of him whom he listeth to obey." (Alma 3:26-27)

May we sow only righteousness, while continuing to rid our lives of the weeds of evil, I pray.

Prediction Of Saviour's Birth As Recorded In The Book Of Mormon

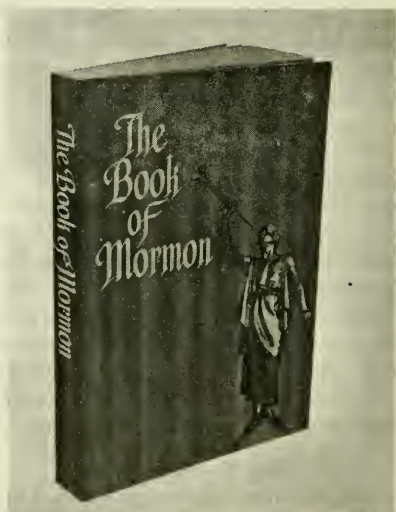
★ This Christmas season reacquaint your family with the nativity story. To give it new depth and meaning read and study the prediction of the Saviour's birth contained in the Book of Mormon, Book of Helaman, Chapter 14, verses 3 through 9.

"And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming: for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day.

"Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born.

"And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you.

"And behold this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven.



"And it shall come to pass that ye shall all be amazed, and wonder, insomuch that ye shall fall to the earth.

"And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall believe on the Son of God, the same shall have everlasting life.

"And behold, thus hath the Lord commanded me, by his angel, that I should come and tell this thing unto you; yea, he hath commanded that I should pro-

phesy these things unto you; yea he hath said unto me; Cry unto this people, repent and prepare the way of the Lord . . ."

Next we suggest you read from Third Nephi, The Book of Nephi, Chapter 1, beginning with verse 4 wherein Helaman, the son of Helaman, tells of the murmurings of the people that the prophecies of the prophets were not being fulfilled relating to the birth of the Saviour.

"And they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: Behold the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been vain. . .

"Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass, which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

"Now it came to pass that when Nephi, the son of Nephi, saw this wickedness of his people, his heart was exceedingly sorrowful.

"And it came to pass that he went out and bowed himself down upon the earth, and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people, yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.

"And it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord, all the day and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:

"Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to fulfil all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.

"Behold, I come unto my own, to ful-

fil all things which I have made known unto the children of men from the foundation of the world, and to do the will, both of the Father and of the Son of the Father because of me, and of the Son because of my flesh. And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given.

"And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled, according as they had been spoken; for behold, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.

"And there were many, who had not believed the words of the prophets, who fell to the earth and became as if they were dead, for they knew that the great plan of destruction which they had laid for those who believed in the words of the prophets had been frustrated; for the signal which had been given was already at hand. . .

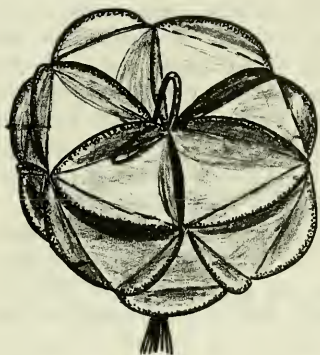
"And it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophets.

"And it came to pass also that a new star did appear, according to the word.

"And it came to pass that from this time forth there began to be lyings sent forth among the people, by Satan, to harden their hearts, to the intent that they might not believe in those signs and wonders which they had seen; but notwithstanding these lyings and deceivings the more part of the people did believe, and were converted unto the Lord."

"And it came to pass that Nephi went forth among the people, and also many others, baptising unto repentance in which there was a great remission of sins. And thus the people began again to have peace in the land."

Gifts And



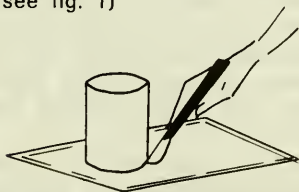
A CHRISTMAS LANTERN

By Keith and Jean Sorenson

Materials needed:

1. 12 to 24 old Christmas cards (stiff paper is desirable)
2. White glue and scissors
3. Glitter (gold, silver or mixed)
4. About 8 inches of narrow ($\frac{1}{4}$ in.) ribbon
5. A tassel (not absolutely necessary)

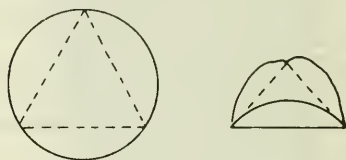
The first step is to cut 24 circular discs from the Christmas cards. These should be about 3 in. in diameter and cut from the prettiest sections of the cards. Some cards yield two or more discs. A good tool for outlining the discs is a food tin approximately 3 in. in diameter. Whatever you use make sure all discs are cut the same size. (see fig. 1)



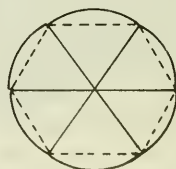
The next step is to place discs with decorated side up and fold three sides inward making a triangle. As much care as possible should be taken in

making these folds to insure they are equal to each other. a good tool is a triangle cut from aluminium sheeting to assist in folding the edges over. When all discs have been folded we are ready to assemble.

(see fig. 2)



Start by glueing six discs together as illustrated: (see fig. 3)

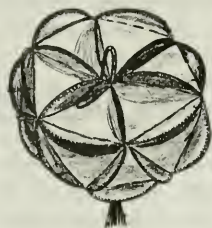


Note: Before all six discs are glued in place, loop about six inches of ribbon in the centre so that it extends about three inches upward.

(see fig. 4)



Decorations



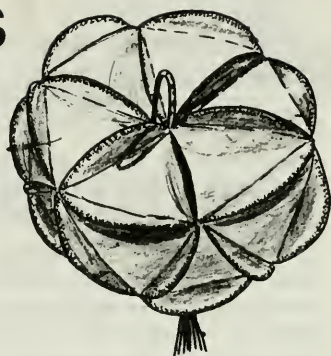
The bottom is accomplished exactly like the top except the loop of ribbon extending down is very short (almost unseen). This will be used for hanging a tassel if so desired.

When the top and bottom are complete, all that remains is the centre. This is a simple matter of glueing 12 discs together as illustrated: (see fig. 5)



When the 12 discs are joined in a string, glue the two end pieces together forming a circle. You can now join this section with the top by glueing all six edges at once, then repeating for the bottom.

To dress up the lantern, we apply a strip of glue to all edges and pour glitter to the wet areas. Best results are obtained by glueing and glittering no more than two disc sections at one time. If desired a tassel or other ornament can be suspended from the bottom loop.



CHRISTMAS APRON

★ A gay paper apron for a busy hostess can be easily made. It is practical and attractive. It makes an inexpensive, but useful gift.

Directions:

1. Lay six paper napkins evenly one on top of the other.
2. On top of this, place a doilly or a fancy Christmas napkin.
3. On the top edge lay this poem.

I'm a new fangles gadget
It's plain to be seen
That my primary purpose
Is to keep your dress clean
Tie me snug round your waist
And I'm ready for use.

If you stir up a cake
Or stuff a fat goose
And should smudges appear
On my surface so fair
Just tear off a sheet
I'm layer upon layer.

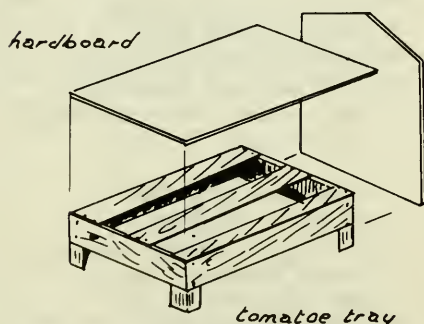
4. Bind the top edge with bright Christmas ribbon.

A DOLLIE'S BED

★ Many people still like to make their own Christmas presents and here are two quickly made, inexpensive, but acceptable gifts for little girls.

Santa will no doubt be asked for a good many dollie's beds. This modern bed can be made in an afternoon.

First ask your greengrocer for a Wooden tomato tray. See that it is free from nails, staples and rough patches, then turn it upside down so that it is like a table on four legs. This is the base of the bed, cover it with contact or one of the other stick-on materials. Next take a piece of wood or hardboard, the same width as the bed, and approximately 9" high. Cover this with a piece of material, and using upholsterer's tacks, nail this board to one end of the base, for the headboard. Drive the tacks into the legs and make sure that no points are protruding through. A piece of fancy braid tacked along the top of the headboard adds a professional touch, paint the legs the same colour as the contact.

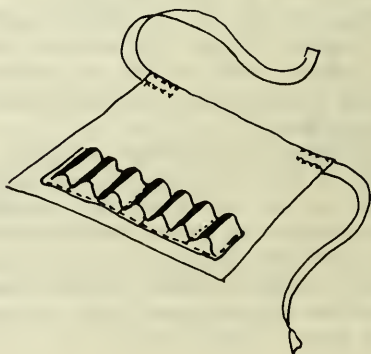


Now all that is needed to complete the bed is a pillow and a quilt, about

half a yard of any gay material will do. Make the pillow 3 inches wide and edge it with lace. For the quilt, measure the width of the bed and the length up to the pillow, cut two pieces of material to this size, allowing half an inch for seams and turning. Place a piece of cotton wool, or tailors wadding in between the material, stitch together on the wrong side, leave one end open, and turn to the right side. Add a few rows of stitching across the top to give a quilted effect. Now add a two inch frill on three sides only. The bed is now complete and ready to delight the lucky little girl who receives it.

A CRAYON APRON

Another quickie is a crayon apron. Using any apron pattern, simply add a contrasting strip of material two inches wide, across the bottom. Stitch it down at the sides and the bottom, then divide it into equal sections, just wide enough to take a crayon. Stitch down these sections leaving the top open. When the apron is finished, pop the crayons into their pockets and add a colouring book for good measure. Busy mothers usually appreciate this gift as well as the children.





Glasgow Stake Reorganised

★ David Moore Porch of GLASGOW was appointed Stake President when Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, and Elder John Longdon, Assistant to the Twelve, reorganised the GLASGOW Stake. He succeeds Archibald R. Richardson who has been called as an aide to Pres. Egbert J. Brown of the Scottish Mission.

Pres. Porch was converted to the Church sixteen years ago, and prior to his call to preside over the stake he was first counselor in the stake presidency and stake patriarch. In his Church experience he has also served as president of the Paisley Branch. He

and his wife Mary have five children, three boys and two girls.

Arthur F. Herbertson and Delmont H. White were selected as counselors. Pres. Herbertson was born into the Church and has previously served as second counselor in the stake presidency, also as bishop of the Springburn Ward, president of the Milton Branch and counselor in the Glasgow Branch presidency. He and his wife Dinah are also the parents of five children, three boys and two girls.

Pres. White is from Salt Lake City, Utah, and has only been in Scotland for a short period. His prior Church



Glasgow Stake presidency, from left, Arthur Herbertson, first counselor; Pres. David Porch and Delmont H. White, second counselor.

experience includes president of the Central Atlantic States Mission, counselor in the Fresno Stake presidency, counselor in the Western States Mission presidency and bishop of the Denver First Ward. He is married to Ruby Lykins of Salt Lake City and they have one daughter and six grandchildren.

Samuel McKim was called as patriarch of the Glasgow Stake. He was born September 23rd, 1933 and baptised January 16th, 1963. Since he became a member of the Church he has served as ward clerk, counselor in a bishopric, high councilman, counselor in the stake presidency and was serving as bishop of the Springburn Ward when he received this present call. Elder McKim and his wife Agnes also have five children, two boys and three girls.

★ The sisters of the Stake Relief Society held an Arts and Crafts Festival in the DRUMCHAPEL Cultural Hall on a recent Saturday. In the afternoon there was a display of work from the various wards and branches which included china painting, photography, embroidery, needlework, painting, modelling and table lamps. During the evening sisters from Drumchapel, Dumbarton, Glasgow and Pollock entertained their families and friends with songs and sketches. Prizes for the stake poem and short story contest were presented to the following:

Poetry Contest winners; 1st Eleanor Black, Bellahouston; 2nd, Jean MacDonald, Bellahouston; 3rd, Kay Nelson, Springburn.

Barbara Heede won the story section. Her entry was entitled "A boy called Hamish".

Work Counselor Mary Porch was in charge of the refreshments which ended an enjoyable day.



S. H. McKim, Glasgow Stake patriarch.

IRISH MISSION

★ An enthusiastic audience which overflowed the Holywood Road Cultural Hall, loudly proclaimed the musical "All in Favour", the best ever in the IRISH Mission.

The play was produced by the BELFAST District M.I.A. under the direction of the Youth Activity Committee and the action revolved around the activities of various families in a typical branch. The characters were so well portrayed that there was a great empathy between the cast and audience, many tears were shed in the sad scenes and laughter enjoyed during the happy incidents. At the end of the evening the voting was unanimous and everyone was "All in Favour of Happiness".



Sarah McDowell and Alexander Mateer from Mountpottinger Branch.



Members of Belfast District cast in "All In Favour"

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The saints of the Edinburgh District had the opportunity of displaying or appraising the talents of the Mutual in their recent Roadshow Festival. Although only two branches took part this did not slacken the feeling of competition. The MUSSLEBURGH group aimed at the more serious, though certainly not solemn, target of the Family Home evening to the given theme of "It's a square world". Every branch should make full use of the opportunities and talents available and as a small branch Musselburgh did just that, and showed that it's not what your resources are but how you use them that counts. EDINBURGH'S presentation was also very good with picturesque as well as apt scenery, a combination not often in evidence. Their subject was the squarest of worlds, a prison cell!

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ A Harvest Time Dinner was organi-

sed by the HARTLEPOOL Sunday School on Sept. 21st, the hall was decorated by Sisters Laurie and Gardner, with a scarecrow, harvest moon, flowers and wheat. Thirty-two people attended and enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, but the highlight of the evening was a dance act entitled "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" performed by William Howe, Bishop James Laurie, Gordon Laurie, Bro. and Sis. Harry Talbot and John Davidson.

The Relief Society held their opening social on 24th Sept., and after the lesson previews a meal was served. This had been prepared by their Pres Mary Barratt and her counselors Shirly Howe and Doreen Talbot. Forty people attended and they were entertained by Doris Laurie, May Gardner, Linda Goddard, Anne Laurie and Sally Davison.

★ NORTH SHIELDS Branch held a Farewell party for Robert Blanchard before



Robert Blanchard.

he left to attend Trent Park College. Robert has a fine record in the branch, he loves music and was branch chorister and stake youth chorister; he has a particularly joyous way of conducting the singing.

★ Once again the NEWCASTLE Ward visited Lake Windermere for their annual outing. The Autumn weather was not very kind to them and almost everyone had a soaking, but they made the most of it and played games between the showers; boating also proved a popular pastime.

Recently the M.I.A. leaders invited Miss Metcalf, a youth organiser of the Newcastle Education Dept; to visit the ward. After a tour of the building, a long discussion took place regarding affiliation to the Education Authorities. Miss Metcalf was greatly impressed by the building and the M.I.A. programme.

Within a month four ward members celebrated their 21st birthdays. They were Bill Maudlin, Margaret and Pat Selkirk, and Norman Myers who celebrated with a party in the Cultural Hall. Over 100 members and friends attended to wish him well and presented him with a camera.

★ The missionaries in the NEWCASTLE area were brave enough to accept a challenge from the local Elders to a

game of basket ball on Oct 11th, and the missionaries just scraped home with 132-36 ! ! !

★ The "Young Marrieds" of the NEWTON AYCLIFFE Ward held a Pioneer Supper and Dance on Oct. 5th. It was a joy to see everyone in the appropriate dress, and M.I.A. maids serving pies and peas from a chuck wagon. The party was organised by Bro. and Sis. Jackson, and they made sure that everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ On Sept. 28th, the Mission held it's annual Music, Arts and Crafts Festival. The Music Festival was under the direction of Frank E. Clifford, Mission Music Director, and it commenced at 10.00 a.m. and continued until 5.00 p.m. with a short lunch break, there were over 80 participants. A fine tea was prepared by the Thames Valley District M.I.A. workers and sold to the participants in aid of the transportation fund for the coming Youth Convention.

Following tea, a concert was held featuring many of the winners from the competition, which was attended by over 300 saints from all over the mission. The concluding number was performed by the Thames Valley District Choir, after which Bro. Clifford had the audience stand and sing the National Anthem. Adjudicators were Allan and Lorraine Cannon and Ron Plant of Stroud. The accompanist for all the mission functions was Neil Turner, and a special award was given to him for accompanying the afternoon sessions and the concert, and to Jan Busath of Portsmouth District, who accompanied at the morning session. Elaine Lawrence of Crawley was the winner of the coveted Cup for the second year running. Special merit was given to the Bracknell

Branch for having the most participants. Sis. M. Green of Aldershot was overall winner in the vocal solo competition.

The Arts and Crafts Festival was organised by the THAMES VALLEY District M.I.A. and sections included: cookery, needlework, knitting, handicraft, woodwork, water and oil painting, sketches and an open section. The work was of an exceptionally high standard and all age groups were well represented. Exhibits were varied and original and showed great thought and effort. They included a marble-topped table, wooden toys, a crochet bed-spread, a picture made from beads, a cake in the form of a crinoline lady, and some very beautiful paintings. The judges were Allan Cannon, Vera Richards and Ron Plant.

★ The HIGH WYCOMBE Branch report good progress in their Building fund projects. Activities in the last seven weeks have raised over £300. The most recent event was a "Lantern Fair" which attracted much favourable comment in the local press over two issues, firstly as to the purposes of the fair, and secondly on the Fair itself with photographs of the side-shows which were well patronised.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION LIVERPOOL DISTRICT AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUTH VISIT TEMPLE

★ On 4th Oct. six members of the Aaronic Priesthood Youth from the LIVERPOOL District, accompanied by their District President John Hender and Rex Edwards, of the Aaronic Youth Committee, set out for the London Temple. The boys were Derek Hoare, David Doughty, Colin Rimmer, Andrew Watson, John Woods and Stephen Edwards. At

Warrington came their first 'adventure', when the driver's door came off, this was finally replaced by a great deal of effort on the part of the two drivers, and with everyone singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" they renewed their journey and approached the M6. Here Colin Rimmer and Derek Hoare battled with the task of preparing dinner whilst still in motion. Bro. Edwards then started the game of "Seek", acting as question master, until they took a stop on the M1. They arrived on the outskirts of London about 4.30 p.m. and an hour later they were exploring the city on foot. They visited many interesting and famous places.

The Temple was a beautiful sight as they arrived at 9.15 p.m. but so were their beds! They awoke with a sense of real achievement on the Saturday morning, and enjoyed breakfast prepared for them by Pres. Hender and Bro. Edwards. Then wearing their best clothes they entered the Temple and were greeted by Temple President Dougald McKeown who made them very welcome. The group were able to complete 140 baptisms and it was a wonderful experience for them all. They left the Temple at 3.00 p.m. and called into the Deseret Book Store, and enjoyed browsing round the books. Then they saw the show "Fiddler on the Roof" at Her Majesty's Theatre, and later spent the night at the Y.M.C.A. After breakfast next morning they attended the Priesthood Meeting at the Hyde Park Chapel, where they met famous golfer Billy Casper and were thrilled to be able to speak to him. Soon they were on their way home again, and after lunch on the M1 arrived safely back in Liverpool in time for the Conference Relay from Salt Lake City. This was a wonderful ending to a trip which they agreed was a wonderful spiritual experience.



Liverpool youth who visited London Temple, Rex Edwards, Derek Hoare, Colin Rimmer, Stephen Edwards, Andrew Watson, David Doughty and John Woods.

★ Sept. 7th was a special day for the saints in the HULL District, when many of them gathered in the BEVERLEY Chapel to listen to Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of the Council of the Twelve, and were all greatly inspired.

Another big event in BEVERLEY was the M.I.A.'s Dinner/Dance, organised under the direction of Supervisor Robert Thistleton. The event began with a delicious meal that included grapefruit, turkey dinner, with ice cream and fruit dessert, the meal was prepared by Sis. Fenwick with the help of the R. S. sisters and some of the brethren. Approximately 66 attended the dinner, but many more came along afterwards for the dance. The Dave Edalon Trio kept everyone on their feet through the evening with a variety of dances and songs.

their young members who were leaving to go to University. William Gill Skea to Manchester, David France to Bradford and Judith Jackson to Sheffield. They are all very active members and before they left Pres. Ramsbottom presented each one with a gift from the branch.



David France, Judith Jackson and William Skea, all attending university.

★ September was also a busy month for the CARLISLE Branch, on the 13th they held a Farewell social for three of

The Deadliest Weapon Of All

Third Place Winner in Poetry Contest



Dear God, today please guard my tongue
That it may do no harm,
Let every word which leaves my lips
Be loving, kind, and warm.

For feet can kick and hands can hurt
When tempers become frayed,
But the tongue's a deadlier weapon
Than any other made.

For hands can break a body, but
The tongue can break a heart.
Can crush men and can destroy them,
And tear the soul apart.



The tongue is so hard to control,
Those nasty words just come.
For it can be such a weapon,
This thing we call the tongue.

And yet if properly controlled
It can bring comfort too.
Can sooth, encourage, and spread love
To everyone around you.

So think about this carefully,
Pray for help from above,
And you can change this weapon to
An Instrument of love.



(By Ann Stoner, age 16, 28 Redbridge
Gardens, Dalwood Street, Camberwell,
S.E.5.)

The Relief Society held their opening social on the 24th, and after a discussion on the winter programme and a few games, the sisters were entertained to a three course dinner prepared and served by the M.I.A. This was a lovely surprise and was the young people's way of showing their appreciation for the help that the sisters had given them in the past.

On Oct. 12th a Pea and Pie supper was organised by Primary Mother, Sis. Stainton and her assistants. After supper a social was held at which they honoured Elder McDonald who was celebrating his 21st birthday. He received a lovely cake to mark the occasion and also a tie pin.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Mission Pres. Reed E. Callister and his wife attended when LOWESTOFT Branch held it's first "Open House". In the afternoon the visitors were shown around all the class rooms and Cultural hall where each auxiliary had laid out their programme of events, and the film "Man's Search for Happiness" was shown hourly. During the evening there was a programme of Jazz, ballads, classics and pop by the young Elders. The Relief Society sisters were in charge of the buffet arrangements and they served over 250 people.

★ GORLESTON Branch M.I.A. chose Country and Western style for their opening social on Oct. 1st. About 40 members and friends attended, and most of them were in fancy dress. Western music was played and dances performed, until it was time for a supper of sausages, baked beans and jacket potatoes. The evening was then rounded off with a sing song.

Because many summer visitors had

difficulty in finding the Gorleston Branch this year, we have been asked to give the address and times of meetings, and an invitation to anyone who may be in the vicinity to visit them.

Gorleston Branch, 58 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston-on-sea, Norfolk. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sacrament 6 p.m. M.I.A. 7.30 p.m. Tuesday. Relief Society 7.30 p.m. Wednesday and Primary 4.30 p.m. Wednesday.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Forty members of the BEDFORD Branch took an outing to the Suttleworths Aircraft Collection at Old Warden recently. They found it very interesting to see the older types of aircraft and equipment. There were also many old cars dating back over the years, and bicycles ranging from the Penny Farthing to the more modern ones of this age. After touring the museum, a picnic lunch was eaten in the adjoining field and races were organised for the children and the grown-ups. The weather was good with plenty of sunshine, and everyone thanked Michael Bohels, the elders quorum group leader, who organised the outing.

★ A twenty mile "Charity Walk" was accomplished on 21st Sept. by several members of the BANBURY Branch in aid of the Building Fund. The walk began at the meeting house at 8 a.m. and the route took them to H.A.F. Croughton and then back again to Banbury. The children had their own six mile walk from Banbury to Adderbury and back to the Chace's home where squash and biscuits awaited them. Approximately £65 was raised.

At the Primary opening social the children were invited to come dressed as Pirates, which proved to be a very

popular suggestion. Games were played and light refreshments served by Pres. Joy Heath and her counselor Jennie Chace.

The Relief Society invited their husbands to join them at the opening social. A Pot-Luck supper. 1st Counselor Dorothy McKibbin then introduced each teacher who gave an outline of the coming lessons.

★ THE CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION extended an invitation to the LEICESTER STAKE this year to join them at their M.MEN/GLEANER Convention held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swan-

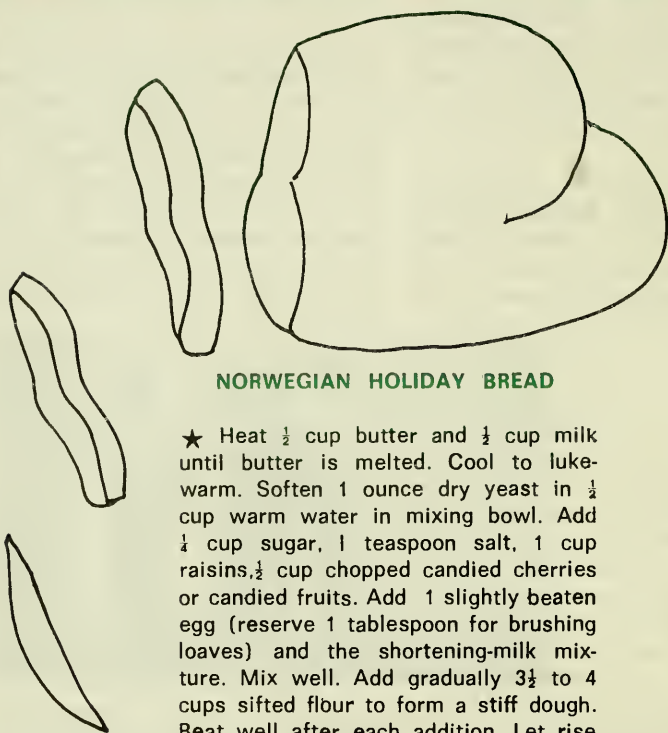
wick, Derbys, on 4/5/6th Oct. Approximately 30 stake members accepted the invitation and really enjoyed the very full weekend of talent and fun, in which they were able to participate.

The convention began on Friday afternoon, with special activities to occupy those who had arrived early. They came from as far apart as North Wales, Worcester, Peterborough, Birmingham, Leicester, and Nottingham, and many of them met for the first time as they gathered together at dinner that evening. There was no shyness or unfriendliness however, as everyone was bub-

Midlands West singing group.



Pow Wow of Midlands North District.



NORWEGIAN HOLIDAY BREAD

★ Heat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm. Soften 1 ounce dry yeast in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water in mixing bowl. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped candied cherries or candied fruits. Add 1 slightly beaten egg (reserve 1 tablespoon for brushing loaves) and the shortening-milk mixture. Mix well. Add gradually $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 cups sifted flour to form a stiff dough. Beat well after each addition. Let rise in warm place until doubled in size ($1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours.) Turn out on floured surface. Toss lightly until dough is coated with flour and not sticky. Shape dough as follows: (1) Either divide into two parts and shape into round loaves—place on greased baking sheet or two well greased 8 ounce round pans, or star shaped pans, or (2) divide into three parts—shape into round loaves and place in three well greased 1 pound tins. Cover. Let rise until light and doubled in size (about 1 hour). Bake in moderate oven 350° for 30 to 35 minutes.



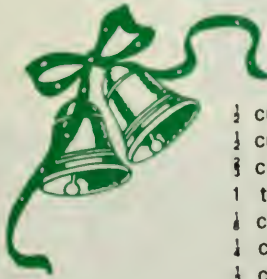
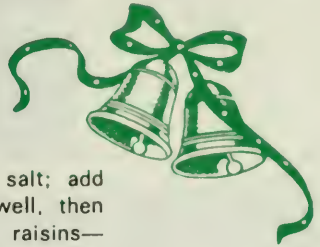
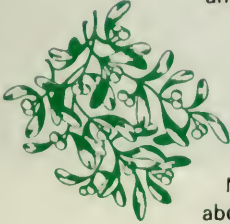


CHRISTMAS BREAD

★ Mix together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water, 1 ounce dry yeast, and 1 teaspoon sugar and leave to set about 10 minutes.

- 2 cups warm milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup candied fruit
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins (optional)

Mix milk, egg, sugar and salt; add about a cup of flour—stir well, then add yeast, candied fruit and raisins—add enough flour to be able to handle. It is better if dough is left a little sticky. Cover with a towel and let rise. After it has risen, put dough on floured board, knead, roll out $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Roll up and put in round pan. Let rise again and bake 1 hour or until loose in pan. Frost lightly with a thin frosting of icing sugar, butter and milk.



CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lard
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon flavouring
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk (more if needed)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup currants
- 2 citron peel
- 1 egg
- 6 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder

Sift flour with baking powder, then put $\frac{2}{3}$ of flour and mix with milk. Then mix the fruit, butter, sugar and egg. If dough is too soft, put in more flour. Bake at 350° until light brown.



Leicester Stake quartet.



Wales North singing group.

Gaiety from Wales North District.





Pres. and Sis. Cannon after coronation.

bling over with excitement. After dinner the contests began with the talent show. Here, each district put on a twenty minute Road show based on the convention theme "The Road we Walk", and the roads they chose were certainly all different providing plenty of scope for singing, dancing and colourful costumes.

A buffet then provided light refreshments, and a short break to prepare for the theme development, where each district was allocated a scripture taken from the "Beatitudes". Even then the evening was not over for an informal fireside followed with favourite party pieces.

Eventually they did retire, but only for a short while and early risers commenced the next day with a testimony meeting in the lounge. Twenty young people were able to bear their testimonies, and a very fine spirit was felt there. After breakfast the speech and singing groups participated in the conference hall, and later the drama finals took place. Pres. and Sis. George I. Cannon, and Pres. and Sis. Kenneth J. Poole, were guests of honour at the

banquet that evening, when Mission Y.M. Supt, Bertram Merrell acted as master of ceremonies and Derek Cuthbert as toastmaster.

After the banquet the Gold and Green ball commenced in the hall. As usual on these occasions, the mission board performed a short skit, in which Pres. Poole received a large Key, giving him "The Freedom of the Roads", and Pres. and Sister. Cannon were crowned "King and Queen of the Road". In reply they sang their own version of "Thanks for the Memory". A silver cup was presented to the Wales North District who had been awarded the most points from the various events of the convention. The Adjudicators were Bro. and Sis. Warriner from the Leeds Stake M.I.A. Gladys Jones, Mission Relief Society president and Richard Burton, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. supt.

Sunday morning commenced with a testimony meeting held by the side of the lake, and following breakfast a 2½ hour conference was held in the chapel. Speakers included young people and leaders from both the Stake and the Mission all following different aspects of the theme. All too soon it was over, and after lunch they said their good byes and departed for their homes, but they will not forget the wonderful fellowship and inspiration they received during this memorable weekend.

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for the fourth successive year, and was led by Tom and Sue Hezseltine, Brian and Bernice West, Ray Ferrar and Keith Wykes. Their aim was to help to train people to become good leaders, both in M.I.A. administration and in athletic and cultural fields. Sis. West led the lessons on administration with her usual charm and quality.

The cultural prospectus consisted of speech workshops, organised mainly by the members from the London Stake, folk dancing presented by Geoff Harris, and folk singing conducted by Tom Hezseltine. At these sessions they were also entertained by various people who produced an excellent standard of entertainment.

The athletic programme was quite demanding (on the muscles) and for the separate events they had excellent coaches. The boys were very pleased to welcome back their friend Bobby McLaren to coach football. Bobby is now the coach for the Scottish 2nd division club Dumbarton.

The basketball coach for both boys and girls, was Loughborough graduate Bob Farley, who is also a Church member. The badminton was also mixed, and this time the coach was Inverclyde's assistant warden, Bill Moody, who was an immediate hit with the girls. The keep-fit session for the girls was taught by Jean Farthing, a big hit with the boys.

Volleyball was in the capable hands of Ray Ferrar, who scored a big hit with the ground when he fell off his ladder. The minor games session was led mainly by Bro. Hezseltine, who called upon various others to coach different games, and so improve their own standard of coaching. During the week the girls were able to learn camp-

crafting and also earn awards in this field.

As usual, there were highlights which stood out, the early morning testimony meeting on a deserted beach; the fire-side, the potted sports, which reminded one of a most gruelling pentathlon. Then there was the "International" football match between England and Scotland, refereed by Ray Ferrar, who this year wore a vivid coloured golfers' cap and very dark sunglasses, which prevented him from being recognised by angry fans, and from recognising much of what occurred on the field.

The actual game ended in a 1-1 draw, a fair result.

The event of the week, the social and dance, took place on the Friday night, complete with top class entertainment and excellent food.

Everyone was grateful to the Warden, Altham Turner, for his everlasting patience and kindness, and to his assistant Bill Moody and the rest of the staff.

There is no doubt that leadership throughout the British Isles is improving because of these courses, so if you want to get ahead, you too had better go to an M.I.A. Training course.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ "Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the Devon District Roadshow which took place at Plymouth on 28th Sept. Members of each branch wrote, acted and produced their own play. PLYMOUTH were the winners by a narrow majority of points, and they now go on to the next round, competing with other heat winners from S.W. England including Wales, Bristol and Cornwall. The show was written by Sylvia Blott and produced by Irene Gadsby; those taking part included Angela Smith, Ann Giles, Roberta Hewlett, Andre Anthony,

Roderick Maddock and Michael Storey—
Pres. Norris of Newton Abbott, J.
Jennings from Exeter and Mrs. Watt, an
unbiased visitor from Westward TV,
acted as judges.

★ PLYMOUTH Branch Relief Society held their opening social on Sept. 24th and invited their families and friends. The evening began with dances to suit all ages, and then various party games were played. After the refreshments, the lesson previews were given, and then Pamela March and Joan Eaton sang two songs accompanied by Jean Knowles at the piano. A fashion show followed during which the sisters and their children showed clothes which they had made themselves, ranging from evening dresses made and modelled by Yvonne Reeson and Rose Maries Wall, both teenagers, to a lace jabot and cuffs for her "with it" shown by Sis. Symonds.

A beautiful lace tablecloth was presented to the branch R.S. Pres. Joan Bennett by the Mission R.S. Pres. Violet Reeson, on behalf of Pres. and Sis. Barton, who have now returned to America. The Bartons expressed the wish that when the sisters used the cloth, they will remember them.

Bill Moir and his wife Rita, two new members, did a short skit.

The sisters also went on an outing in September to see the film "Star".

★ Bro. J. Babidge, president of the Bournemouth Branch and his counselors Bros. H. Heal and R. Gerrard were released recently as Bro. Babidge has been called to serve as 1st counselor in the South Coastal District presidency. The new president is R. Gerrard, previously 2nd counselor, who prior to moving to the Bournemouth area just

over 12 months ago, was president of the Southport Branch. Bro. P. Wheat is 1st counselor with Bro. N. Gillingham as clerk.

★ Torquay, Devon was the setting for the annual M.I.A. Youth Conference of the Southwest British Mission where over 400 young people met for a week-end of games, competition, and a lot of fun. The conference started with a bang as the starter guns fired and excited competitors dove into the cool water of the pool and raced against time. The competition was keen and was marked by some very close finishes and a lot of excitement.

Outstanding talent was displayed by the M.I.A. youth in the speech, music, and poetry competition. The tales were taller than ever and the audience was captured and entranced by the beautiful voices of young LDS youth singing both sacred and popular music.

There was entertainment galore as each of the districts took the stage and presented their production of "Winter Wonderland". The judges found it very difficult to decide who had the best roadshow.

Saturday was sports day and although



Winning floral arrangement submitted by Philipa Pullman, counselor in mission presidency.



Success of Southwest British Mission Youth Conference belongs to officers, from left, front, Valerie Ball, YWMIA secretary; June Burton, YW correspondent secretary; Berniece West, YW president and Pat Perry, activity counselor; back, Alan Taylor, YMMIA assistant superintendent; Bryan West, YM superintendent and Hal Perry, counselor in Bristol District presidency.

rain dampened the playing fields, it failed to dampen the exuberant spirits of the competitors. The skill that was displayed made the competition very tight and the games were exciting to the finish.

The convention was concluded on

Plymouth Branch Relief Society sisters entering the cinema on their annual outing.

THE MILLENNIAL STAR

Sunday by a very spiritual testimony meeting and a session of Youth Conference. The speakers gave timely talks centered around the theme of the conference, "Rebels With A Cause". They talked to the youth of their many opportunities and responsibilities as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Each went away well rewarded spiritually and with a greater determination to do right and to stand firm on the ideals that Christ taught.

As each started homeward, he took with him something that he hadn't brought. The spirit of competition of sportsmanship, of brotherhood, and of love filled their hearts to the brim and each had within himself pledged that he or she, indeed, would be a Rebel . . . With a Cause.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ SOUTH BIRMINGHAM WARD joined with NORTHFIELD BRANCH for the M.I.A. opening social in September, which took the form of a Pioneer party. A huge backcloth by Pat Connaughton, depicting pioneers and their wagons set the scene, giving added zest to the opening song, "Put your shoulder to the wheel". Three sisters, spotlighted in the darkened room, narrated the story



of the trek across the plains, and the evening continued with singing round the camp fire, and items from the Such family and the Mission-airs. Square dancing used up surplus energy, and a performance of an Indian dance "Hunting the Eagle", by three brethren gained great applause. Refreshments of traditional "Out West" fare were doubly welcome at the end of the very successful evening.

The ward held their Relief Society opening social on Sept. 25th, and in spite of bad weather about 30 sisters and their husbands attended. Each teacher had prepared a table to illustrate her lessons and to encourage all sisters to attend during the year. After the previews, games dancing and refreshments ended the evening.

★ EASTWOOD WARD'S Harvest Thanksgiving service was held Sept. 27th, with harvest songs and talks. Afterwards a fine array of vegetables, fruit and home-made produce were sold under the direction of Bishop Hill, and a considerable sum raised for the ward building fund.

★ The Stake Primary Showtime zoned at Woodsetton was held early in September, with Robert Sherratt acting as compere. The first item on the programme was "Snow White and the 10 Dwarfs", by the BIRMINGHAM NORTH Ward. A lot of hard work had gone into the making of costumes and learning parts, and the children showed their enjoyment as they sang "We'll sing and play and work all day".

★ WALSALL Branch put on a puppet show, where the puppets were made and worked by the children. They consisted of such characters as Robert Worm, Beatles Group, Dancing Cater-

pillars, Balancing Ants, Jimmy Saville and Sammy Spider.

WOODSETTON presented a variety show, entitled "Wooing through the ages", showing the various ways in which this has changed. The afternoon was organised by Margaret Woods of the Stake Primary Board and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

★ At WALSALL Branch Relief Society opening social, the sisters and their husbands enjoyed a sing song led by John Mills and his guitar. Poetry reading and games created much laughter and lavish refreshments prepared everyone for their homeward trek.

★ After the introduction of the new teachers and lesson previews at the NOTTINGHAM Relief Society opening social, the sisters were entertained by Briony Green at the piano, fun songs with Sue Hezseline and Margaret Burton, and games organised by Pres. June Cooper. Then they were able to help themselves from a beautiful buffet table prepared by Rhoda Tinson, Joan Needham, Dorothy Hibbert and others.

★ A novel "1066 and All That" appeared in the Stake Roadshow in October. The variations on the Theme moving from NUNEATON'S White-robed kings in the pre-existence to BIRMINGHAM'S Harold and William portrayed as Harold Wilson and DeGaulle, with their followers dressed in typical British and French attire. During this episode David Mace caused much laughter with his monologue on the "Battle of Hastings".

Laughter also followed the result of DERBY'S Battle of Hastings, where Harold was also seen as Harold Wilson in a very polished skit. Another modern theme was brought in by WEDNES-

FIELD, when two missionaries went back into history trying to teach the Gospel to the Normans. Their success being more than they bargained for, when it included the modernisation and Americanisation of their family and the "Normanisation" of the missionaries.

LEICESTER gave a newscast of the Norman Invasion, using the "Tapestry News" as their new invention. SOUTH BIRMINGHAM too were concerned with new inventions, this time their cry was "Down with bowls" and Drake was their subject. WALSALL Branch won first place with their dream of Nell Gwynn and King Charles, Henry VIII and his wives and Robin Hood!

Second and third places were taken by LEICESTER and DERBY Wards. More than 300 people watched the show, which was compered by Richard Cooper and judged by Bro. and Sis. Williams and Sis. Taylor.

★ The Third Quorum of Elders of the LEICESTER STAKE held a social at the Nottingham chapel recently. 'Jack' Wilson of Mansfield acted as the entertainment chairman and Kristaph Redisons of Eastwood compered the programme.

Items included the Eastwood Singing Mothers who sang a medley of Old Tyme songs, Chris Marshall from Mansfield, who gave a talented performance with songs and guitar, two sparkling comedy acts from Bro. Wilson, a monologue from Bro. Chambers and several songs from Bro. Stevenson.

The evening was completed with mouth watering refreshments provided by Doris Stevenson and her helpers, Hilda Storer, June Cooper, Joan and Beverley Needham.

LONDON STAKE

★ Members of the High Priests' Quorum enjoyed a visit to the Buckinghamshire village of Waddesdon, which is situated North West of Aylesbury. The afternoon was spent in the house and grounds of the great manor house on the edge of the village, and an enjoyable picnic was made in the grounds. The house was built in 1880-9 in the French Renaissance style and was bequeathed to the National Trust by James de Rothschild together with its magnificent collection of French furniture, paintings porcelain and books.

★ All the members of the stake presidency, high council and their wives gathered together at the Hyde Park Chapel on Sept. 30th for a purely social evening. A dinner was beautifully prepared by the ladies of the group, and afterwards they were able to relax and enjoy each others company in the Relief Society suite. Special features of the entertainment were the impromptu talks on unlikely subjects by George Mosdell, George Vousden, Preston Nibley, and Arthur Willmott, and the singing of Sis. Rene Hill.

★ On Oct. 4th, members of the EPSOM Ward held a very successful Fellowship Social. About 30 members of the ward together with the Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead introduced themselves to the newcomers of the ward family. Refreshments were prepared by members of the Relief Society under the direction of Ngawati Clarke.

★ On October 19th the young women of LONDON STAKE participated in a very special evening, organised by Fawn Bartholomew, the stake YWMIA age group counselor. The two aims of

the evening were to promote greater understanding of Church standards and to honour the young women who had achieved awards in the MIA programmes.

The programme began with a panel from Croydon Branch presenting Church dress standards. A fashion show, narrated by Gillian Cary of South London Ward, was presented by four wards—Epsom Ward (evening wear), Hyde Park (casual wear), and St. Albans and South London, (day dress).

Three short talks were given on different aspects of Church standards—dance (Dawn Harrison, North London Ward), roadshows (Julie Noyce, Luton Ward) and public (Mary Smith, Luton Ward).

Pauline Doggett, the stake YWMIA president, then introduced all the young women in the stake who had achieved individual and class awards during the past MIA year. Each girl was presented to an honour panel consisting of Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead and his counselors, the high council advisors to the MIA and the stake YWMIA presidency. Each girl was also presented with a flower.

The girls who had earned Campcrafter awards were also honoured. One special achievement was noted, in that Teresa Guillisford of St. Albans Ward, achieved her Adventurer Award. She is believed to be the first girl in the British Isles to achieve all four levels in Campcrafter by doing only one level at a time each year. Others have achieved all four levels in accelerated programmes only.

On behalf of the stake presidency, Pres. Thomas Hill, counselor assigned to MIA, congratulated the girls and their leaders on these achievements.

Guest speaker was Sis. Phyllis Hart

of the London Temple, who spoke to each of the girls' age groups in turn and left many encouraging and inspirational thoughts with them.

To close the evening, a group of young men from North London Ward sang a special version of "The Girl That I Marry," while four recent young brides from the stake made a beautiful picture in their wedding gowns.

The girls and their mothers each brought a banana which was used as the basis for a banana boat with ice cream and fruit toppings furnished by the MIA, for a delightful closing refreshment.

LONDON STAKE

★ Saturday the 12th October will long be regarded as a memorable occasion by the Saints in Luton Ward. On this evening a "Help Dedicate" Dinner and Show was held. The aim was to raise enough money to clear the cost of the Luton Chapel thus enabling the building to be dedicated.

The committee, headed by Sis. Gladys Noyce as chairman, worked very hard and the smooth running of the programme was a tribute to the efforts they made. Committee members were Sis. Gwen Boughton, Elder Treavor Burrell, Elder John Hood, Sis. Frieda Leeuwenburgh and Elder Leslie Lloyd.

The theme for the evening was "The Roaring Twenties" and this was carried out in the decoration of the Cultural Hall and also in the costumes of the girls of the YWMIA who acted as waitresses.

An excellent dinner was cooked and served by the Sisters and friends of Luton Ward Relief Society ably led by



Mayor C. Jephson of Luton addressing crowd at Luton Ward dinner.

Sis. Jill McMullen their president.

After the dinner, the two hundred and sixty people present settled down to watch a most enjoyable variety show. Many members of Luton Ward were participants joined by members from South London, North London, Huddersfield, Epsom, Letchworth and Crawley. Acts ranged from duets to dances, monologue to Mozart and comedy to a Combo.

A Dress-the-Doll Competition organised by Sis Mabel Hood had been held in the Ward and these dolls were auctioned during the interval. Elder John Hood making a very capable auctioneer.

Guests included the London Stake President, Joseph Hamstead Jnr., and Sis. Hamstead. Guests of Honour were the Mayor of Luton, Councillor C. Jephson and Mrs. Jephson.

Councillor Jephson expressed his desire to be present at the Dedication

Service should this occur during his term of office as Mayor of Luton.

The financial target set for the evening was reached easily thus enabling the building to be paid for and it is hoped that dedication will take place next Spring.

STEVENAGE

★ The Lihoma Mother and Daughter party for girls of the STEVENAGE Ward Primary, London Stake, was held recently the theme being an "Edwardian Evening." The girls made their own costumes and hats with some help from their mothers.

The group played indoor croquet as the weather was dismal. The girls were beaten in the game by their mothers.

Following refreshments old fashioned songs were sung and then the girls displayed sketches they had also produced.



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Sis. Jill McMullen, left, Relief Society president; her mother Sis. Gudgin and Sis. Pam Ratcliff, second counselor, dishing up dinners at Luton Ward.

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ To Roy and Jennie Chace, Bedford Branch Central British Mission a daughter, Julie Renée.

★ To Pres. and Sis. Bryan Green, Addlestone Branch, British South Mission, a daughter Melinda.



Mayor and Mayoress C. Jephson, right, greeted by Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, Sis. Noyce, and Sis. Mabel Hood at Luton's "Help Dedicate" dinner.

★ October 4th—To Peter and Jeanette Aldridge, Lowestoft Branch, British Mission, a son John Peter Stephen.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ David Spalding of Daikeith Branch and Mary Grace Foster, Kirkcaldy Branch, Scottish Mission.

MARRIAGES

★ Two converts to the Church, Margaret Moore and Albert Toyne, were married in the Middlesbrough Chapel on Sept. 14th. The bride wore a full-length dress of lace with pearl trimming and her bridesmaids wore mauve. The chapel was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations arranged on stands to look like small trees. Jeff Mawlam of Billingham was best man.

★ Kenneth Gorman of Peterlee and Mary Smith of Crewe Branch were married in the Manchester Stake House on September 14th.

★ Dennis Gary Price of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Patricia Ernestine McElderry of Peterlee Branch were married in the Manti Temple on September 12th.

★ Philip Aldred and Marion Barnes, both of Eastwood Ward, were married on September 7th, Bishop Hill performed the ceremony.

★ Carol Clarke and Peter Andrew Smith, both recent converts to the Church, were married on September 28th in the Nottingham Chapel. Bishop Green performed the ceremony. The bride's dress, which contained over 40 yards of Nottingham lace, and tulle was made by Hilda Storer and Doris Stevenson. Phillip Martin acted as bestman.



Marion Barnes and Philip Alfred after their wedding at Eastwood.

★ Ian Taylor and Christine Stone were married in the East Hull Chapel on September 28th. The following Saturday they joined the Hull District on their visit to the Temple, where many of their friends were able to witness their Temple ceremony.



Carol Clarke and Peter Smith leaving Nottingham Chapel.

★ Peter Boulter and Carol Toft were married at Romford Chapel, September 6th. The ceremony was performed by Bishop D. J. Peake of Romford Ward, London Stake.

Pres. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple, addressed the couple. A solo, "The Temple by the River" was sung by Pauline Doggett, accompanied by Sis. Grace McKeown, temple matron.

After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in Devon.



Carol Taft and Peter Boulter on day of their wedding.

OBITUARY

★ Funeral services were held the middle of November for Dorothea Vale, 73, a faithful and active member of the Bristol First Branch, Southwest British Mission. Sis. Vale had been a member of the Church since 1925. She had served as a counselor in the Primary, as branch and district organist and in the Y.W.M.I.A. in many areas compos-

ing music for many special programmes, making costumes for roadshows and festivals and writing scripts. Her skill and talents will be sadly missed.

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NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ Anthony Calvert of Burnley Branch, North British Mission left Britain in September to serve on a Building Mission in Essen, Germany

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Before the leaves turned to gold, REDDITCH Primary made sure of having a wonderful outing at Dodrill Common in the heart of Worcestershire, chaperoned by Joan Mason for a country ramble. They had a well earned rest before consuming a picnic lunch, and enjoyed every minute.

★ October 27th, 1968, Date of Ordination.

Elder: White, Eric (Frederick A. King) Aberdare. Purdy, Robert Norman (Arnold Jones) Merthyr. Elder: Dewhurst, Clifford (William W. Hillman) Pembroke. Elder: Short, George Fredrick Peter (John H. Cox) Newport.

Temple Schedule

LONDON TEMPLE SCHEDULE 1969

SATURDAY ASSIGNMENTS

JANUARY

- 4 Br. South, N. British, London
- 11 British, Cen. Brit, Glasgow
- 18 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 25 London, Leeds

FEBRUARY

- 1 Br. South, N. British, London
- 8 British, Cen. Brit., Scottish
- 15 Leicester, Manchester, Leeds
- 22 British, Leeds

MARCH

- 1 Br. South, N. British, London
- 8 British, Cen. Brit.
- 15 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 22 Glasgow, Leeds
- 29 London, Leeds, Sunderland

APRIL

- 5 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
- 12 British, Cen. British
- 19 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 26 London, Leeds

MAY

- 3 Br. South, N. British
- 10 British, Cen. Brit.
- 17 S.W.B., Manchester
- 24 Leicester, Glasgow
- 31 London, Leeds, Sunderland

JUNE

- 7 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
- 14 British, Cen. Brit.
- 21 Leicester, S.W.B.
- 28 London, Leeds

JULY

- 5 Br. South, N. British
- 12 British, London
- 19 Leicester, Manchester, Br. South
- 26 London, Leeds, Sunderland

AUGUST

- 2 Br. South, N. British, Scottish, Leic
- 9 British, Cen. Brit., Glasgow, London
- 16 CLOSED
- 23 CLOSED
- 30 CLOSED

BANK HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

JANUARY

20/23 Relief Soc: British, Br. South

FEBRUARY

10/13 Relief Soc: London, Leicester

MARCH

10/13 Relief Soc: Cen. British, S.W.B.

24/27 Relief Soc: Manchester, N. British

APRIL

4 Good Friday: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am

7 Easter Mon: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am

28 April/1st May

Relief Soc: Glasgow, Scottish

MAY

12/15 Relief Soc: Sunderland, Leeds, Irish

26 Whit. Mon: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am.

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Testimony Most Precious Thing The President Tells Priesthood

By President David O. McKay

At the Priesthood session of Conference

The most precious thing in the world is a testimony of the Truth.

Truth never grows old and the truth is that God is the source of your priesthood and mine. The truth is that He lives; that Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, stands at the Head of the Church, and that every man who holds the priesthood, if he lives properly, soberly, industriously, humbly, and prayerfully, is entitled to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I know that is true.

Any man, holding a position in this Church cannot afford to side step to the slightest degree his great responsibility of living the Gospel as he preaches it and of being an example to the "flock."

Whenever the Priesthood is delegated to man, it is conferred upon him, not

as a personal honour—although it becomes such as he honours it—but as authority to represent Deity, and an obligation to assist the Lord in bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

If priesthood meant only personal distinction or individual elevation, there would be no need of groups or quorums. The very existence of such groups established by divine authorization, proclaims our dependence upon one another, the indispensable need of mutual help and assistance.

This element of service and mutual help is emphasized by the Lord in the Doctrine & Covenants, 84:106;

"And if any man among you be strong in the Spirit, let him take with him him that is weak, that he may be edified in all meekness, that he may become strong also."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

"No amount of knowledge, of inspiration and testimony as to the divinity of the work of God will be of benefit to us unless we put that knowledge into actual practice in the daily walks of life. It is not the amount that any individual may know that will benefit him and his fellows; but it is the practical application of that knowledge."

—Heber J. Grant

Seminary Programme Off To A Good Start In Great Britain

★ The response to the Seminary Programme in Gt. Britain has been overwhelming according to John Madsen, Seminary co-ordinator, it has been enthusiastically received not only by the students and teachers, but also by parents and stake leaders.

The programme has been adapted to meet conditions over here and 243 students in the Leicester, Leeds and Manchester Stakes are following the Home Study Programme, which consists of 1 hour daily study, a weekly class with the group teacher and a monthly stake seminary convention with Bro. Madsen which includes study and activity.

Twenty-three students in London Stake and Nineteen in Glasgow are meeting regularly every morning from 7 a.m. till 8 a.m. from Monday till Friday. All students are between the ages of 14 and 18. Bro. Madsen has hopes of extending the programme to the remaining stakes of Gt. Britain and to all of the missions next year, 1969-70.

Leicester	104
Leeds	78
Manchester	61
London	23
Glasgow	19

total 285

★ The London Stake Seminary meets in the Hyde Park chapel with W. David Hemingway as instructor. Elder Hemingway recently returned from his mission in the Brazilian South Mission. He is the son of Pres. Donald W. Hemingway, first counselor in the stake presidency, and Sis. Hemingway.

Bro. Hemingway is a graduate of the Seminary programme and attended the Dixie College in southern Utah. He has served as a Priest Quorum advisor prior to his mission, as YMMIA secretary and while in the mission, as a branch president.

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. greeted the students at the opening

No. of students in each stake.

class. He cited the growth of the Church in Gt. Britain in recent years and how more Church programmes are available to its membership here. Pres. Hamstead let the youth know they are "wanted here" to receive this daytime religious instruction and that if this one class is successful more will be organised later. He also noted the need to let more people know of Jesus Christ and through the Seminary programme young people can build their testimonies and come to know of the truth of the Gospel through participation.

Bishop Bateman of the Hyde Park Ward welcomed the students and explained the Seminary programme helps to "buoy you up to meet the temptations of the day. Its purpose is to make better Latter-day Saints of each of you by gaining a greater testimony."

★ The Seminary system began in 1912 when the first unit was established adjacent to Granite High School in Salt Lake City. Released time from regular high school classes for daily religious education is available presently in Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming in the United States and in Alberta, Canada. Upon the written request of parents, students are released for one hour per day to participate in an organised programme of religious instruction.

Courses of study consist of four standard courses, ninth grade, the Book of Mormon, its origin, history and message. The Tenth grade studies the New Testament with the approach as a study of the life of Christ and His teachings, plus a study of the apostolic ministry, including the messages and experiences of the first century Christians.

Old Testament, a comprehensive study of its origin, general makeup,

and message applied to the present day is the text for the eleventh grade.

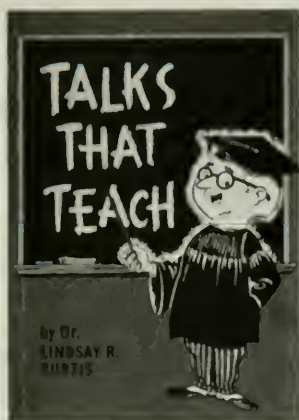
The twelfth grade considers Church history and doctrine to the end that the Church today might be better understood and appreciated.



Handing out supplies by Bishop Bateman, left and Elder Hemingway.

The class begins daily with a special devotional period to enable students to meditate and reflect on their relationship to God. The devotional may consist of group or solo music, sacred or classical; a brief scriptural or inspirational reading and prayer. The entire programme is organised by students in cooperation with the teacher. Student officers plan the devotional programmes, make assignments, conduct group singing, provide the musical accompaniment and handle other details.

Other devotional programmes are frequently presented in the form of religious dramas or pageants in semin-



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Seminary

ary or in the community. Special student groups also participate in the presentation of programmes in local wards upon invitation.

The basic purpose of the institute work is to help students achieve eternal life, with the immediate responsibility to help them find the joy that comes into their lives as they learn to live in harmony with the principles and purposes of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SEMINARY PROGRAMMES

★ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has always emphasized education of its members with a knowledge of God and His dealings with men. Its schools, in the earliest years of the Church, provided both secular and religious instruction. The Church has always been firm in the belief that it is unwise to educate the head and neglect the heart.

In later years with development of state schools in the United States the Church has ceased to provide instruction in secular subjects except on the college or university level.

Efforts have been made to establish schools on the elementary and secondary level to meet this need where Church membership has grown and public educational facilities are limited.

Through a unique system of schools the Church has continued to provide a programme of religious education for its youth. Such Church schools operated for this purpose alone are located in proximity to many senior and some junior high schools. These are called "seminaries," those adjacent to colleges

and universities are designated "institutes of religion." Both of these programmes are Church-operated and completely independent of the public schools, complying fully with the doctrine of separation of church and state limiting or prohibiting the teaching of religion in state-supported media of public instruction.

This present (1968) Church educational system includes more than 208 released-time seminaries and approximately 1,820 nonreleased-timed classes where Latter-day Saint students in



Conferring at start of Seminary in Hyde Park Chapel, David Hemingway, left, instructor; Bishop C. Nelden Bateman and London Stake Pres. J. Hamstead Jr.

secondary schools receive daily religious instruction. These seminaries operate in 48 states of the United States, in Mexico and in Canada.

A similar programme of religious instruction is also provided for Indian

members of the Church in 23 states and in Canada.

The Church maintains, on the college level, 73 full-time and 136 part-time institutes of religion serving the religious needs of Mormon students attending other than Church-operated institutions of higher learning. Such institutes of religion are located adjacent to college and university campuses in 33 states of the United States and in the province of Alberta, Canada.

In the Mormon settlement of Colonia Juarez, Mexico, the Church maintains an elementary school and a secondary school called Juarez Academy. The academy also serves students from the elementary school in Colonia Dublan as well as a small school in Colonia Pacheco. Twenty-six elementary schools are currently in operation in other areas throughout the Republic of Mexico. The Benemerito de las Americas School in Mexico City educates children in grades seven through ten and plans ultimately to serve students through normal school. Approximately 4,600 children in the Republic of Mexico are now being educated in Church-sponsored schools.

Three elementary schools accommodating more than 400 children are established in Santiago, Chile.

Also in operation in the Church College of New Zealand is a secondary school, plus one year's post high school education. The enrollment numbers 635 students, the majority of which are boarding students. Fifty of these are Latter-day Saints from Tahiti.

The Church College of Western Samoa, a secondary school near the capital city of Apia, and three elementary schools located at Pesega, Sauniatu, and Vaiola serve approximately 1,250 students on the two islands of Savaii

and Upolu in Western Samoa. Enrollment is approximately 365 students at the new high school which began operation in American Samoa at Mapusaga in 1960.

A system of schools in Tonga operated by the Church includes the Liahona High School and nine side schools (grades 6, 7 and 8) with 1,400 student enrollment.

The Papette Elementary School in Papette, Tahiti, began operations in 1964 and currently serves 480 children.

Latter-day Saint concepts of education are moulded by understanding given to the Church through the Prophet Joseph Smith as revelations from God, included in this compilation of latter-day scripture are the following:

"The glory of God is intelligence, or in other words, light and truth."

(D&C 93:36)

"It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance." (D&C 131:6)

"And I give you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom.

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand.

"Of things both in heaven and in the earth and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also countries and of kingdoms."

(D&C 88:77-79)

Closing Talk :

President McKay Counsels Leaders To Radiate Character Of Jesus

By President David O. McKay
Address at Closing session of
Conference

★ To you officers and leaders in the stakes and wards, in missions and in temples, it was the divine character of Jesus which drew the women of Palestine to Him; which drew as a magnet the little children to Him. It was that divine personality which attracted men, honest men, pure men. It was also that divine personality which antagonized the impure, the evil men and women.

In the realm of personality and in the kingdom of character, Christ was supreme. By personality, I mean all that may be included in individuality: Personality is a gift from God; it is indeed "a pearl of great price"; an eternal blessing.

Each one's personality may be compared to the Saviour's personality only as one little sunbeam to the mighty sun itself; and yet, though infinitely less in degree, each leader, each teacher's personality should be the same in kind. In the realm of character, each leader and teacher, may be superior, and be such a magnet as will draw around him or her, in an indescribable way, those whom he or she would lead or teach. It is the rad-

iation of the Light which attracts.

Five Traits

Five things which may characterise the successful leader or teacher in the Church are:

1. Implicit faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World and a sincere desire to serve Him. This condition of the soul will make for companionship and guidance of the Holy Ghost.

2. Unfeigned love for the child, or member, "Unfeigned—remember how the word is used in that great revelation in the Doctrine and Covenants—"By Love unfeigned," used by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Unfeigned love for the children or members, guided by determination to deal justly and impartially with every member of the Church! Honour the child or member, and the child or member will honour you.

3. Thorough preparation. The successful leader knows his duties and responsibilities and also the members under his direction. The teacher knows his children, as well as the lessons.

4. Cheerfulness—not forced but nat-

ural cheerfulness, springing spontaneously from a hopeful soul.

5. Power to act nobly.

If you want to radiate the Light of the Gospel, that radiation must first come from the leader himself. In the Doctrine & Covenants, the Lord says, "If you keep not my commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore, you shall not walk in the darkness."

Saviour Heads Church

There are many instances about which I could tell you wherein the hand of the Lord has been manifest in guiding His servants. I know it is real.

The Saviour, the Son of God, is at the head of this Church. I am not the head of this Church—Jesus Christ is our Head! I know that the former presidents of the Church knew that,

and declared it Joseph Smith, the Prophet, knew it. This is Christ's Church and we are His messengers, His representatives and it is our duty to keep in touch with Him and know what His wishes are.

If we keep in tune with Christ and His teachings, we are entitled to fellowship with Him. He does not love sin; He does not love lying, nor stealing; misjudging one another, nor condemning others. We have to keep our hearts pure and clean to be worthy of His fellowship.

Let us be courageous in defense of the Right. Be not afraid to speak out for the right. Let us be true. Let us defend the weak, be charitable to our brothers, render help to the sick and the afflicted. The Gospel is the spirit of kindness. Let us honour and sustain the Priesthood in our homes.

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Temple: Golden Age Programme

★ NOW that the TEMPLE is OPEN on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, we are introducing our

GOLDEN AGE PROGRAMME

We invite those of our brethren and sisters who have reached pensionable age to spend an enjoyable holiday at the Temple. We realise that this will involve considerable expense and are therefore prepared to pay an endowment allowance as follows:

Mar/Oct 4/- Nov/Feb 5/- for all Missions and Stakes plus a bonus of 17/6d. for each fourteen endowments performed

Based on accommodation rental at Edenbrook of £2 15 0d. per person per week and taking into account the cost of clothes hire and meals at the Temple, if your stay is of four weeks duration, then all expenses, including travel expenses will be met from the allowance.

The following example may be of help to you when planning for your Golden Age holiday:—

4 weeks accommodation at £2 15 0d. per week	11	0	0
4 weeks clothes rental at 2/6d. per week		10	0
4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3	0	0
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Total	14	10	0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—			
	56 at say 4/- per session	11	4 0
Bonus	— 4 at 17/6	3	10 0
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	Total	14	14 0

We are also prepared to make the following travelling allowance based on a minimum of 14 endowments per week for a maximum of 4 weeks:—

Up to	50 miles from Temple	7/6 per week
"	100	" " 14/-
"	150	" " 20/-
"	200	" " 25/-
"	250	" " 30/-
"	300	" " 35/-
"	350	" " 40/-
"	400	" " 45/-
Over	400	" " 50/-

If you need any further help at all please write to the Temple Presidency or ring LINGFIELD 2759.

DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Survey To Locate LDS Students In Great Britain



Peter L. Joyce.

★ The Second National LDS Student Convention (1969) is scheduled next March 27-30 at Sunderland, announces Peter L. Joyce, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Bro. Joyce also informs that a survey is underway to trace every LDS student in Great Britain, at the request of Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve.

The convention is a student initiative with representatives on the executive committee including the following:

Graham Stott, student in English Language and Literature at Jesus College, Oxford, charged with publicity; Kay Moorby, Scarborough's North Riding College of Education, scribe, hist-

orian and archivist; Ronald Asher, chemistry Ph.D. at Manchester University; Peter Davies, biochemistry at Huddersfield; David G. Foote, geography, B.Sc. at Glasgow and Michael Jones, in his fourth (hons.) year reading physics, at the Queen's University, Belfast.

Bro. Joyce says the 1969 convention is being planned as the most exciting happening of the year with the aim to better integrate responses to the Gospel. Emphasis will be on involvement and expression in a variety of situations.

Theme for the convention will be "Must We Compromise".

All LDS students in college are invited to register early by contacting Bro. Joyce or Stott at Jesus College, Oxford.

A census of all student members of the Church in Britain is underway under the direction of Bro. Stott which will be analysed in a report for the General Authorities and the Church Schools System. Primarily requested are names and addresses, but it is hoped that a more complete picture of courses followed, roles in Church, and college enrollment may be obtained. The patterns obtained will be a determinant in future planning for the LDS Students in this country, Bro. Joyce said.

CONVENTION 69

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list for complete details and the chance of
advance booking . . .

Graham Stott, CONVENTION 69, Jesus Oxford

the theme—

must we compromise?



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Nothing is so much calculated to lead people to forsake sin as to take them by the hand, and watch over them with tenderness. When persons manifest the least kindness and love to me, O what power it has over my mind, while the opposite course has a tendency to harrow up all the harsh feelings and depress the human mind.

—Joseph Smith

